

# INTRODUCTION TO James

## READ ALONG

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## WHERE IS IT IN THE BIBLE?

- 56. TITUS
- 57. PHILEMON
- 58. HEBREWS
- 59. **JAMES**
- 60. 1 PETER
- 61. 2 PETER
- 62. 1 JOHN

## KEY VERSES

- **James 1:4** "And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing."
- **James 2:9** "If, however, you show favoritism, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors."

## KEY THEME

- Maturing in faith
- Putting faith in action
- The relationship between faith and works

## BOOK BASICS



**DATE**  
40-50s AD



**TYPE**  
Letter



**AUTHOR**  
James

The book of James is a letter written by a man named James: 1) James, the apostle who was the brother of John, or 2) James the half brother of Jesus. It is widely believed that it was indeed James the half brother of Jesus.

The Bible says that James didn't believe Jesus was the Son of God, the Messiah, until after His death, burial and resurrection. James did fully surrender to following Christ and was eventually martyred for his faith.

Most believe that this letter was written in the late 40's or early 50's AD, roughly 20 years after the death of Jesus. James 1:1 says, "to the 12 tribes dispersed abroad."

This group of believers dispersed from Jerusalem after Stephen was stoned for his faith and Christians faced persecution (read more about this in the book of Acts). And by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, James is writing to the Church of today, all believers who are dispersed throughout the world.

## BASIC STRUCTURE

5 CHAPTERS THAT SHOW THE MARKS OF A MATURE CHRISTIAN (Warren Wiersby)

