

JAMES

The book of James is not written like an epistle to a church, instead it's like a New Testament book of _____, full of powerful one liners that promote strong biblical doctrine and principles! There are no new doctrines introduced in the book of James, but some _____ on issues already addressed. One interesting nugget about the book of James is how the teaches of the book seem to reference the teachings of Christ, in the sermon on the mount, over _____ times. The writer of this letter, shares a common name with other's in the biblical narrative, so it's important to note some distinctions about him. Two things come to mind initially:

A) He was the _____ of Jesus: **Mark 6:3**

B) He was a strong figure in the _____ church: **Acts 12:17 & 15:13-22**
also Gal 1:18-19 & 2:9

Chapter 1

The letter is clearly addressed to Messianic Jews, or Jews who have been _____ but are now scattered abroad (v1). It would be a book that would address areas in their lives, where some of the toughest challenges are presented like the _____ and the greatest victories are fought and won. In (v2-4) James want's his audience to get a proper perspective on _____. The trials of our faith, are for our maturation. The trials he is referring to in many ways are the issues that this book addresses. It challenges areas of our lives where we may _____ miserably or struggle. God doesn't give us a pass in those areas, he just keeps bearing down, seeking our _____ and maturation. The first issue James addresses is our lack of _____ (v5-8) and how to remedy that. It's almost a rhetorical statement. The truth is, that we all lack wisdom. The question is, will we go thru life operating in our own limited wisdom, that's been corrupted by the _____ or will we seek the wisdom of God, which will often force us to _____. James immediately tests the previous exhortation with a statement about _____ (v9-11) and how it is processed by believers. In (v12-18) James gives a valuable perspective on _____. The first chapter ends with James giving instruction about the value of hearing and _____ the wisdom of Gods word (v19-27).

Chapter 2

This chapter breaks down very simply, (v1-13) speaks to the sin of _____ and (v14-26) expresses the fact that true, saving faith will produce _____ or acts of _____ to God.

Chapter 3

The third chapter opens with one of the most challenging and convicting message about our _____ (v1-12). Then he sets a resume for what _____ looks like (v13-18)

Chapter 4

James now deals with how _____ and being _____ is the fruit of worldliness (v1-12). Be careful in assuming the length of life (v13-17), instead treat each day as a _____ and plan accordingly.

Chapter 5

The final chapter breaks down into three categories, a warning to the _____ (v1-6), an encouragement to be patient in _____ (v7-12) and a thought on the power of _____ along with handling various _____ in the Christian community (v13-20).

