

James

V1

- * Cannot fully appreciate this book with out truly understanding V1!
- * Calls himself a bondservant of God/Christ – Doulos – Slave/Choice
- * One who gives himself up to another’s will
- * Interesting – especially because he was Jesus’ brother!

Matthew 13:55 Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?

John 7:1-5 James was one of his brother’s who did not believe –

Acts 1:12-14 Was there @ Jesus’ Ascension & Upper Room!!!

Acts 12:17 – Peter (freed)“Go, tell these things to James/the brethren.”

Acts 15:13 And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, “Men and brethren, listen to me...”

Acts 21:18 – Paul reports to him/receives instructions from him

1 Corin 15:7 After that He was seen by James, then by all/apostles.

Galatians 1:18-19 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord’s brother.

Gal 2:9, 11-12 – James, James

John 7

John 7:1-5 – Even His brothers did not believe in him!

- * He had “Heard The Stories:”
- * Virgin birth, Proclamation/Angels, Star, Shepherds, Wise Men
- * Incident/Age 12/Temple/Be about my Father’s business
- * 1st Miracle at Cana
- * 1st Cleansing of the Temple/Jerusalem
- * There when rejected in Temple/Nazareth/Read Isa 61, Cliff
- * Healings - Nobleman’s son, Leper, Withered Hand/Sabbath, Gadarene
- * Preaching – Kingdom/God/Hand, Sermon/Mt., Famous Parables
- * Miracles – Raising Widow/Son/Jairus’ Daughter, Calming/Sea, Fed 5K

John 7:6-10 – Jesus & his Brothers @ Feast

John 7:11-14 – Jesus went into temple & taught – James there?

John 7:15-19 – James Listening?

John 7:20-24 – Resonate w/James

John 7:24-25 – James – Good Questions!!!

John 7:26

James

1:2 – Counting it all joy when you fall into various Trials

1:12 – Enduring Temptations

1:19 – Swift to hear, slow speak, wrath

1:22-26 – Doer of the word, not a hearer only

1:27 – Pure and undefiled religion

2:1-9 – Not showing partiality

2:14-26 – Faith without works is dead

3:1-12 – Taming the Tongue

4:7-10 – Humbling yourself in the sight of God

5:1-6 – Warning to the rich

5:7-8 – Be Patient

5:12 – Do not swear, let your yes be yes and you no be no

5:13-18 – Power of Prayer

* More than the individual parts/teachings – About life of Faith!

Conclusion

* James is not a letter/book about Works vs. Faith

* Its about a changed man!

* Its about his story & the reality of His faith!

* Its about his desire to tell others about the reality of Faith!

* This is a no frills letter about the Reality of Christianity!

* And that Faith will manifest itself in our lives!

Communion

* Have you come to believe in Jesus as the Messiah/Savior/World?

* Have you put your faith in Him?

* Has your faith changed you?

* Is your faith seen in your life?

* “Shortly before Jerusalem was destroyed by the Roman army, AD 70, when the Jews were in large numbers embracing Christianity, Ananus, the High-Priest, and the Scribes and the Pharisees, assembled the Sanhedrin and commanded James “the brother of Jesus who was called Christ,” to proclaim from one of the galleries of the Temple that Jesus was not the Messiah. But instead, James cried out that Jesus was the Son Of God and Judge of the world. Then his enraged enemies hurled him to the ground, and stoned him till a charitable fuller ended his sufferings with a club, while on his knees praying, “Father, forgive, them for they know not what they do” Jospehus