The Book of James
Lesson 1: Introduction

1. Author

James, the brother of Jesus, is the author of the book of James.

2. Scripture references about James.

John 7:3-5

At first, James was not a believer in his brother, Jesus.

That changed. We see from Acts 1:14 that James was present on the _____

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Acts 1:14

Acts 12:17

When Peter was supernaturally released from prison, he mentioned James specifically.

Acts 15:13-21

James was the _____ when important decisions had to be made in the early church.

Acts 21:18

Galatians 1:19

Paul tells about a special meeting he had with James.

Galatians 2:9

James is described as a pillar in the church. That means they were leaders who brought stability and support to the church.

He was part of the _____ that recognized the calling upon the Apostle Paul and sent him out on his missionary journeys.

1 Corinthians 15:7

When Jesus rose from the dead, he had a special one-on-one meeting with James.

Church historian, Eusebius, in his Ecclesiastical History, wrote this about James – "frequently found upon his knees begging forgiveness for the people, so that his knees became hard like those of a camel."

3. Date

The Book of James was written 48-62 A.D.

4. James was stoned to death in 62 A.D.

James was the leader _____

Two years after the death of Paul, the Jewish Sanhedrin turned their attention to James.

The Sanhedrin demanded that James renounce his faith in Christ a large gathering of people in Jerusalem. Instead, James preached the Gospel to the multitude.

They dragged him to the top of the Temple and threw him off. The fall did not kill him, so he was then stoned to death.

5. Facts about the book of James

Martin Luther called James _____

James deals with the character of a Christian. Some of the things covered in the Book of James are:

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- Be a doer of the Word by putting works with your faith.

- Treat others in the church with respect.

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James deals with the attitude of the heart.

James is a practical book, showing us how to live right.