

Faith that Works

James 1:1-8

An introduction to the book of James

The author is James

Who James wasn't

- He wasn't an original apostle
- Acts 12:1-2, Matthew 10:3
- Mark 15:40

Who James was

- Matthew 13:55-56
- He was the brother of Jesus
- John 7:5
- Mark 3:21,31-32
- 1 Corinthians 15:7
- Acts 1:14

Who James is

- He is a follower of Jesus
- Acts 12:17, 15:4,13, 21:18
- Galatians 1:19, 2:9

The audience is us

Who the original audience was

- Jewish Christians scattered outside of Palestine

Our situation is no different from theirs

Your conversion story can be just like James

- If you are not a Christian, come to the Resurrected Christ
- If you are a believer, you are living under the Lordship of Christ; show it

The letter of James serves as a roadmap for practical Christian living. It challenges us to examine our lives and ensure that our faith is not merely a profession but a living reality.