



James

Background

- James was the half-brother of the Lord Jesus (Matt. 13:55) (1 Cor. 15:7) and the pastor of the church at Jerusalem (Acts 12:17) (Gal. 2:9) (Acts 15).
- He wrote to the "twelve tribes scattered abroad" (1:1). They were likely members of the church in Jerusalem who were scattered by the persecution of Saul (Acts 8:1).
- This is the oldest book in the New Testament, written sometime between 44 AD-50 AD.
- James is the "Proverbs" of the New Testament. It is an intensely practical book that focuses on conduct more than creed.

Roadmap

1. Face Trials Joyfully (1:1-18)
2. Receive God's Word Meekly (1:19-27)
3. Love Your Brothers Equally (2:1-13)
4. Live Your Faith Practically (2:14-26)
5. Watch Your Words Carefully (3:1-18)
6. Walk with God Humbly (4:1-12)
7. Steward Your Time Wisely (4:13-17)
8. Endure Suffering Patiently (5:1-12)
9. Pray For Each Other Persistently (5:13-18)
10. Pursue Each Other Faithfully (5:19-20)

Landmark

James focuses on "Genuine Christianity." This book is about closing the gap between what we believe and how we behave (1:22) (2:18). Real faith produces a Christlike life.

Must See

Jesus is the Lord of glory (2:1) whose life, teaching, death, resurrection, and return motivates a living, genuine faith.

Takeaways

1. See trials as friends, not enemies.
2. Loose lips sink ships.
3. Faith and works are married and should never separate.