



# **N.T. SURVEY**

**General  
Epistles &  
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**By Ray Mondragon**



# **INT** **SURVEY**

**James**

**By**

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**Colosseum**

**“Few books have been more maligned than the little book of James. Controversy has waged over its authorship, its date, its recipients, its canonicity, and its unity.”**

**Ronald Blue**

**“Its practical, non-doctrinal emphasis reveals the kind of message that God wanted to share with the Christian community in published form very soon after Jesus ascended to heaven.”**

**Jensen**

# 5 JAMES

- **Son of Zebedee - Mt 4:21**
- **Son of Alphaeus - Mk 3:18**
- **Father of Judas - Lk 6:16**
- **James the Less - Mt 27:56**
- **Half-brother of Jesus - Mt 13:55**

# JAMES

➤ **Author** - **Jesus' Half-brother**

# **AUTHORSHIP**

➤ **Internal Evidence**

# **INTERNAL**

- 1. Jerusalem Council - Ac 15**
- 2. Jesus' words**
- 3. Consistent with what we know**



# **AUTHORSHIP**

- **Internal Evidence**
- **External Evidence**

# **EXTERNAL**

- 1. 3rd century - Origen, Eusebius**
- 2. Later fathers - Cyril of Jerusalem, Athanasius, Augustine**
- 3. Against - Luther**

A scenic view of a rocky cliff overlooking a valley with a river and a town. The cliff is on the right side of the image, and the valley is on the left. The sky is blue with some clouds. The text "Grew up with Christ" is written in yellow with a black outline, and "Galilee" is written in red with a black outline.

**Grew up  
with Christ**

**Galilee**

An aerial photograph of the Galilee region in Israel, showing a large blue lake (the Sea of Galilee) surrounded by a mix of green fields and brownish hills. The sky is clear and blue. The text "But did not believe in Him" is overlaid in yellow on the right side of the image.

**But did not  
believe in Him**


**Galilee**

# **THE MAN JAMES**

- 1. Name = Jacob**
- 2. Brother of Jesus = same parentage**
- 3. Jewish background = lineage**
- 4. Unbeliever before Resurrection**
- 5. Leader of Jerusalem church**
- 6. Tradition - stoned AD 62**

# JAMES

- **Author** - Jesus' Half-brother
- **Audience** - Dispersed Christians

The image shows the ruins of the Trajan Temple in Pergamum, Turkey. In the foreground, two tall, fluted Corinthian columns stand prominently. To the left, a fragment of the temple's entablature is visible. In the background, a long colonnade of similar columns stretches across the site. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The text "Pergamum - Trajan Temple" is overlaid in yellow in the lower right quadrant.

**Pergamum -  
Trajan Temple**

A wide-angle landscape photograph showing a small village with stone buildings nestled in a valley. The foreground is a dry, brownish field. In the background, there are rolling hills and a range of mountains with significant snow cover under a blue sky with light clouds.

**Pisidian Antioch - Church of  
St Peter**






**Philippi  
Forum**



**Thessalonica forum**



**Brethren - 1:2, 19, 2:5, 14, 3:1,  
4:11, 5:7, 9-10, 12, 19**

**Ephesus**

**475' x98'  
25,000**

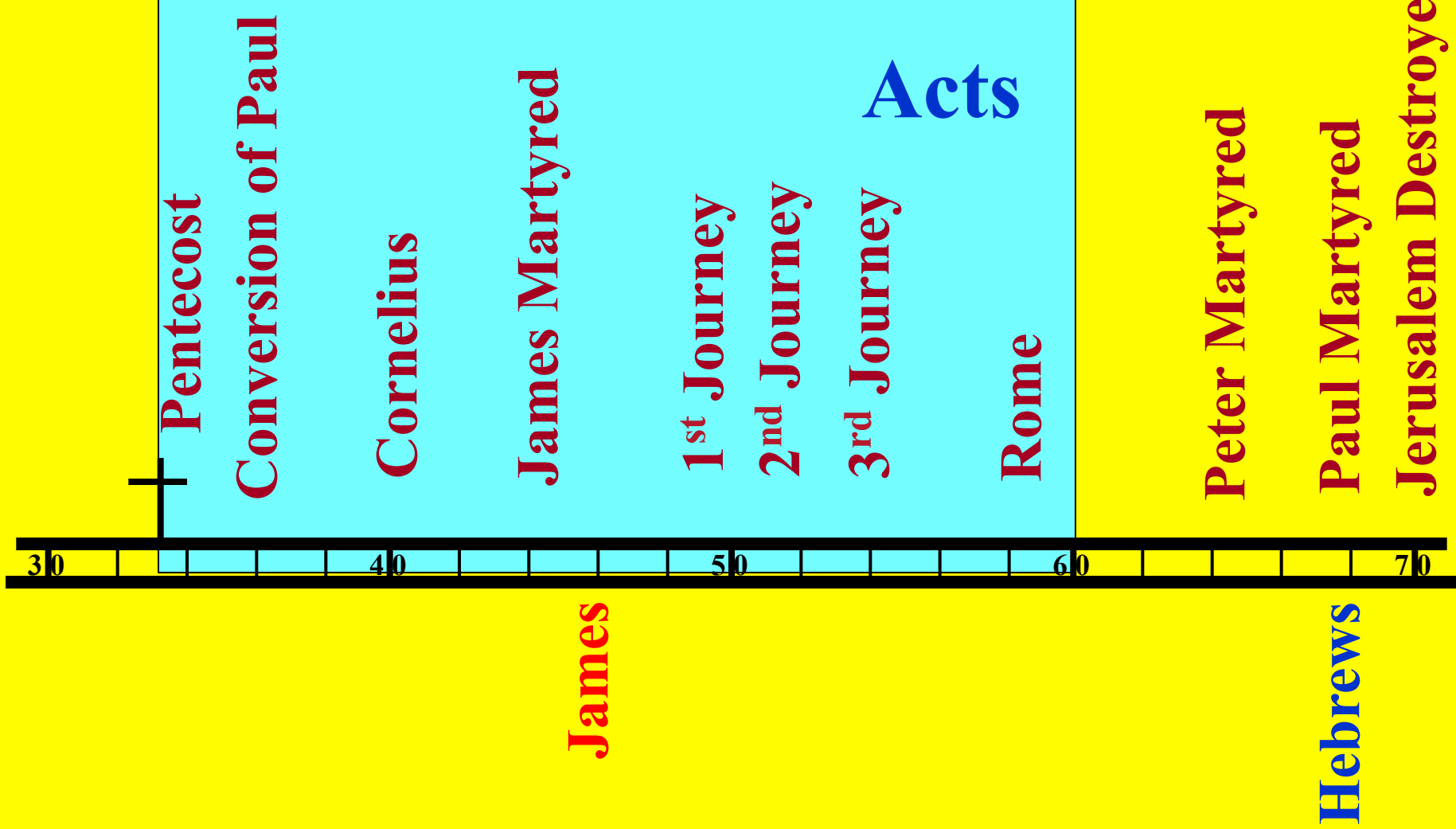
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- **Occasion** - 44-47

# OCCASION

- **Christianity spreading**
- **Persecution of Christians**
- **James discovered condition of Church**

# ACTS HISTORY



# JAMES

- **Author** - Jesus' Half-brother
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- **Occasion** - 44-47
- **Location** - Jerusalem
- **Purpose** - Practical

# **PURPOSE**

**To promote proper living  
under persecution**

**(1:2-4)**



# CHARACTERISTICS

- 1. Response to Trials**
- 2. OT Emphasis**

# OT EMPHASIS

- **12 tribes - 1:1**
- **Terms - 2:2, 8-12, 4:11, 5:4**
- **Characters - Abraham, Rahab, Job, Elijah**
- **Allusions**
- **Jewish Setting**

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# **JESUS MINISTRY**

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## **JAMES**

**1:2**

**1:4**

**1:5, 4:3, 5:15**

**1:9, 2:5**

**1:22**

**2:14-26**

**3:12**

**4:11-12**

## **JESUS**

**5:10-12**

**5:48**

**7:7-11**

**5:3**

**7:24, 26**

**7:21-23**

**7:16**

**7:1-3**

# Divine Wisdom



Athens Parthenon

# **CHARACTERISTICS**

- 1. Response to Trials**
- 2. OT Emphasis**
- 3. Related to Jesus' Ministry**
- 4. Very Practical**

# **PRACTICAL**

- ✓ **Dealing with trials** 1:2-4
- ✓ **Need for wisdom** 1:5
- ✓ **Double-mindedness Corrected** 1:6-8
- ✓ **Meeting practical needs** 1:26-27
- ✓ **Proper attitude to clothes** 2:1-9
- ✓ **Faith that works** 2:14-26
- ✓ **Proper speech** 3:1-12
- ✓ **Dealing with greed & pride** 4:1-12
- ✓ **Correcting of abuses of poor** 5:1-6
- ✓ **Need for patience** 5:7-11

# OUTLINE

- I. Response to Trials 1:1-18
- II. Responsibility in Trials 1:19-4:17
- III. Relief & Requests in Trials 5



# OUTLINE

- I. Response to Trials** **1:1-18**
- A. Introduction** **1:1**

**1:1 James, a bond-servant of God  
and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To  
the twelve tribes who are  
dispersed abroad: Greetings.**

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- I. Response to Trials** **1:1-18**
  - A. Introduction** **1:1**
  - B. Knowing Value of Trials** **1:2-4**

**1:2-4 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.**

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  - A. Introduction** **1:1**
  - B. Knowing Value of Trials** **1:2-4**
  - C. Praying for Wisdom by Faith** **1:5-8**

**1:5-6 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.**

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  - D. Developing Attitude of Contentment**  
**1:9-11**

**1:9-10** But the brother of **humble circumstances** is to glory in his high position; **10** and the **rich man** is to glory in his humiliation, because like **flowering grass** he will pass away



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  - E. Trusting Character of God** 1:12-18

**1:12-13 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.**

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- II. Responsibility in Trials 1:19-4:17
  - A. Essence of Responsibility 1:19-20

**1:19-20 This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.**

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    - 1. Hearing Involves Doing** **1:21-27**

**1:21-22** Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the **word implanted**, which is able to **save your souls**.

**22** But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

**1:27 Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.**

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    - 2. Hearing Includes Attitudes** 2:1-13



**2:1 My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism.**

**2:9-10** But if you show **partiality**, you are committing sin and are **convicted by the law as transgressors.** **10** For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has **become guilty of all.**

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    - 3. Hearing Includes Powerful Faith** 2:14-26

**2:14** What use is it, my **brethren**, if someone says he **has faith** but he has **no works**? Can that faith **save him**?

# VIEWS - JAMES

## Issues

## Paul

## James

1. Context -

Unbelievers

Believers

2. Salvation -

Justification

Sanctification

**2:15-16** If a brother or sister is without clothing and **in need** of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, **what use is that?**

**2:17-19 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. 18 But someone may well say, “You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.” 19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.**

# VIEWS - JAMES

<u>Issues</u>	<u>Paul</u>	<u>James</u>
1. Context -	Unbelievers	Believers
2. Salvation -	Justification	Sanctification
3. Faith -	Alone	+ Works



**2:21 Was not Abraham our father  
justified by works when he  
offered up Isaac his son on the  
altar?**

**2:24 You see that a man is justified  
by works and not by faith alone.**

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    - 1. Control of Tongue** 3:1-12

**3:1-2 Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment. 2 For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.**

**3:5** So also the **tongue** is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!

**3:6** And the **tongue** is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.

**3:8 But no one can tame the tongue;  
it is a restless evil and full of  
deadly poison.**

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    - 2. Conduct in Wisdom** 3:13-18



**3:13 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.**

**3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.**

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    - 1. Cause of Conflicts** 4:1-6

**4:1-2** What is the **source of quarrels** and conflicts among you? Is not the **source** your pleasures that wage war in your members?

**2** You **lust** and do not have; so you commit murder. You are **envious** and cannot obtain; so you **fight** and **quarrel**. You do not have because you do not **ask**.

**4:3-4** You **ask** and do not receive, because you **ask** with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. **4** You adulteresses, do you not know that **friendship with the world** is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an **enemy of God.**

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    - 2. Cure for Conflicts** 4:7-17

**4:7-8 Submit therefore to God.**

**Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.**

**Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.**

**4:13-14** Come now, you who say,  
“Today or tomorrow we will go  
to such and such a city, and  
spend a year there and engage in  
business and make a profit.”  
**14** Yet you **do not know what your  
life will be** like tomorrow. You  
are just a vapor that appears for  
a little while and then vanishes  
away.



**4:15-17** Instead, you ought to say,  
**“If the Lord wills, we will live  
and also do this or that.”** 16 But  
as it is, you boast in your  
arrogance; all such boasting is  
evil. 17 Therefore, to one who  
knows the right thing to do and  
does not do it, to him it is sin.

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**5:7** Therefore be patient, brethren,  
until the **coming of the Lord**.  
The farmer waits for the  
precious produce of the soil,  
being patient about it, until it  
gets the early and late rains.


**5:8-9** You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the **coming of the Lord** is near. **9** Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the **Judge** is standing right at the door.

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  - B. Request for Godliness 5:12-20**

**5:13** Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises.

**5:19-20** My brethren, if any among you **strays** from the truth and one turns him back, **20** let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way **will save his soul** from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

A photograph of a sunset over the Sea of Galilee. The sun is a bright orange orb on the horizon, with a shimmering path of light reflecting down the water. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds. The foreground shows the dark silhouette of a hillside.

**Talk the talk and  
walk the walk.**

**Sea of Galilee from Kursi**