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Letter—New Testament

Author: James, half-brother of Jesus

Date Written: AD 47

Chapters: 5

Key People: James, Jewish Christians

Summary: James wrote his letter to Jewish believers who were living in Gentile lands. He meant it to be an encouragement and also an appeal that their lives would reflect their religion. James was bold to insist that these early Christians not only “talk the talk” but also “walk the walk” of their faith. He addressed topics including suffering, temptation, the tongue, wisdom, truthfulness, pride, and anger, while insisting that Christians be doers of the word and not hearers only. James wanted Christians to know that faith without works is dead.

About Jesus: The reality of salvation through Jesus Christ should lead all Christians to good works motivated by love, obedience, and gratefulness to the Savior.