

The Bible - Week 46 (November 28th)

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James

Author: James, the brother of Jesus

Date: an early view is middle/late 40's and a later view is early 60's. This depends on some assumptions we need to use on the Jerusalem Council.

Audience: This was a letter not to a person or city but one that was meant to be spread out like a pamphlet. It was to the Jews that were displaced following the death of Stephen in Acts 8.

Reason: James wrote to explain what fruit should be produced when we live a faith in Christ.

Theme: Faith, works, wisdom

Key Verse:

James 2:17-18 CEB

In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity.

Someone might claim, "You have faith and I have action." But how can I see your faith apart from your actions? Instead, I'll show you my faith by putting it into practice in faithful action.

Sections: Trials & Tests (Ch 1), Faith & Works (Ch 2), Tongue & Wisdom (Ch 3), Worldliness (Ch 4), Wealth & Patience (Ch 5)

Key Words: Faith, Works, Law, Wisdom

Basic Intro: James is a form of Wisdom literature, it is full of content on how to live your life. It may be the least doctrinal type of writing but it is great for day to day living.

Questions for Discussion:

- **What do you learn about:**
- **Trials?**
- **Faith & Works?**
- **The Tongue?**
- **Wisdom?**
- **Wealth?**