

"Faith in Action: An Introduction to the Book of James"

James 1:1

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In James 1:1, we are given two major considerations:

1. We are told about the one who is writing the book.
2. We are told about the ones who are reading the book.

In the New Testament four James are mentioned:

1. James, the father of Judas, (not Iscariot) (Lu 6:16)
2. James, the son of Alphaeus.
3. James, the son of Zebedee.

The writer of the Book of James: James, the half-brother of Jesus.

All the way to the cross James did not believe that Jesus was the Messiah.. What changed? 1 Corinthians 15
James was converted to Christ following Jesus' resurrection appearance to him.

Facts about James:

1. He became pastor of the Jerusalem church.
2. He was the presiding officer over the very prestigious Jerusalem council in Acts 15.
3. The apostle Paul calls him one of the pillars of the early church in Galatians 1:19 along with Peter and John. 4.
4. He was the one who received the offering brought by the Apostle Paul from the Gentile churches to help the poverty stricken saints of the Jerusalem church..
5. He was very familiar with Jesus' teachings..

What was James' nickname? Old camel knees.

How did James introduce himself? A servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Js 1:1a)

Who is James addressing the letter to? James is primarily writing to the believers of the twelve tribes of Israel scattered abroad.