

# Wisdom in Real Life

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A Study of the Letter of James

# James 1:1

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- James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion. Greetings.

# Introducing James: The letter

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- The earliest N.T. writing (45-50 AD)
- Like Proverbs and wisdom literature is not necessarily a logical flow, but hortatory in style.
- Practical in its application of Christian faith
- Emphasis on the works of faith appears to contradict Paul on the gospel of grace

# Introducing James: The Author

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- James the son of Zebedee: (brother of John) Matt.10:3
- James the son of Alphaeus: (brother of Joses) Mk; 15:40
- James the son of Joseph: (brother of Jesus)  
Matt. 13:55; Gal. 1:19; Jude 1

# Introducing James: The Man

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James, a **bond slave** of God and the **Lord**  
Jesus Christ . . .