

JAMES

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. James, the brother of Jesus & Jude (NT author), is the author of this epistle (Matthew 13:55-56). What might it have been like growing up in the same home, in the same environment, as Jesus? What might it have been like to have Jesus as your big brother?

2. What makes James an unlikely writer of a NT book?

- Mark 3:20-21
- John 7:1-9

Why would someone that close to Jesus not only not believe in Him but believe Him to be deranged?

3. What is the turning point for James (1 Corinthians 15:5-8)? How do we know this made the difference (Acts 1:14)? (Who else was impacted?)

4. Trace James' progress following his turnaround.

- Acts 12:17 (Why report this to James?)
- Acts 15:3, 13
- Galatians 1:19
- Galatians 2:9
- Acts 21:18
- 1 Corinthians 9:5 (What is suggested by the context?)

5. What is significant about the way James, in light of his background, chooses to identify himself in the opening verse?

What did Jesus say about this (Matthew 20:26)?

6. What comes to mind when you read the description of the recipients of the letter (v. 1b)?

7. How are believers today “dispersed abroad”? How does God intend to use this reality?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. I will reach out to my family members this week by . . .

2. I will make a difference this week by . . .

3. I will live like I believe in Jesus this week by . . .