

INTRODUCTION TO BOOK OF JAMES (Part 1)

In this Introduction to Book of James, we will study six aspects of the author of the Book of James with a three-point conclusion.

1. The author of the Book of James is referred to in Christian history as the ½ brother of Jesus Christ (Jas.1:1). James was one of four brothers and at least two sisters (**Matt.13:55-56**; Mark 6:3).
 2. Christian historians also refer to him as James the Just. It is based on his teaching of Jas.2:24 – “You see that a man is **justified** by works and by faith alone.” (Jas.2:14-26)
 3. According to Paul, James was married (1 Cor.9:1-6) – “Do we not have a right to take along a believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles and the brothers of the Lord (James and Jude) and Cephas?” (1 Cor 9:5)
 4. He was a zealot unbelieving Jew until after the resurrection of Jesus Christ like any in his personal family (John 7:1-13). “For not even His brothers were believing in Him.” (John 7:5)
 5. Paul records that James received a special post-resurrection appearance from Jesus Christ – “Then He appeared to James, then to the twelve.” (1 Cor.15:7)
 6. Luke records that James was present with the disciples after the ascension of Jesus (Acts 1:12-14) – “These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.” (Acts 1:14)
- (James 1:1) “James, a bond-servant of God and (adjunctive kai conjunction of nouns) of Lord Jesus Christ.”**

- A. Physical birth from Mary did not give James an advantage in kingdom of God (John 3:3-5, 16).
- B. Physical birth of James had no assets to gain the approbation of God apart from faith in gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9; Rom.5:12).
- C. Physical birth of James didn't have advantage in study of the Scriptures as a brother of Jesus. (Human IQ verses Spiritual IQ) (1Cor.1:18-25; 2:14-16).