



**CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH**

**The outside world  
is watching and they have  
an idea of what  
an authentic Christian  
should behave like**



**Over and over again in  
this letter, we see the idea  
that **real** genuine and  
**authentic** faith is  
practically lived out-  
**it's visible****



**This letter (**James**) is  
written to a group of  
believers who have been  
**dispersed** (scattered)  
abroad because of  
persecution**



**James 1:1**

**James 2:26**



**Authentic faith  
has to be accompanied  
by **works** (or actions.)  
What we **do** reveals what  
we have **faith in.****







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# James 1:1a

Who is **James**?

Tradition points to him being  
one of Jesus' **half-brothers**

Matthew 13:53-58



**The people of Nazareth  
(where Jesus was from)  
were astonished at how  
wise Jesus was and  
the miraculous things  
Jesus did**



**Instead of this curiosity  
drawing the people of  
Nazareth toward Jesus,  
it actually caused them to  
be offended (they  
resented Jesus)**



**This was how the people in  
Jesus' childhood home saw  
Him. And it probably  
impacted the way Jesus'  
half-brothers viewed Him too**  
**John 7:1-9**



**Theologians almost  
unanimously agree that  
during Jesus' entire life,  
His half-brothers NEVER  
believed Him.**



**This begs the question**  
**“What changed?”**

**I Corinthians 5:3-8**



**Seeing Jesus alive AFTER  
being crucified, that reality  
changed James (James now  
believed that Jesus was  
who He ALWAYS claimed  
to be- the Messiah)**



**I Corinthians 15:3-4**

**Luke 16:27-28**

**Luke 16:29-31**





**It's easy to get discouraged in  
ministry when you give of  
yourself and it seems to only  
fall on deaf ears- DON'T STOP  
Focus on those who hunger  
and thirst after Jesus**



**James goes from denying  
and rejecting that Jesus is  
the Messiah to a devoted  
church leader**



**The main thrust of this letter has an emphasis on doing, but it comes from a heart **fully surrendered** – one that had been radically impacted by a **personal** relationship with Jesus**

