

## Session #1

### Introduction

**Verse 1:** “James, a **bondservant** of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ”

- **‘bondservant’** - δούλος **dōulōs**, *doo’-los*; a *slave* (lit. or fig., invol. or vol.; frequently therefore in a qualified sense of *subjection* or *subserviency*):—bond (-man), servant.
- **‘Lord’** – Title emphasizing the ‘Resurrected’ Christ & King.

#### Questions:

#1: Is James a ‘Believer’ in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

#2: Who are the ‘brethern’ he keeps mentioning? \_\_\_\_\_

- Take a moment to read through and Highlight/Underline how many times he mentions his brothers & sisters ‘IN’ Christ.

#### **Remember:**

FAITH 4 Relationship [POSITION]...

OBEEDIENCE 4 Fellowship [CONDITION] & Kingdom Inheritance.

#### Who is James?

- Early Church Fathers (200 A.D. ->) Affirm the bros. of Jesus as Author
- **Luke 2:7... Matt. 13:53-58**
- **John 7:1-8**

#### Post-Resurrection:

- **I Cor. 15:7**

#### Was Eschatology (Study of ‘end things’) Important to James?

- He sees His King in His Glorified Human Form: Who is sitting on His Throne Right NOW: Waiting to Return!!!

#### Is James’ Focus on Christ’s Throne ‘Influenced by’: Acts 1:1-14?

- The Rapture is NEXT – The Trib. – Then the Kingdom:

The Book of James: Focuses almost entirely on US [Christians] GOING to Him

#### Summary:

- James places his Faith in Christ as the Son of God – Paying for sins.
- Commits himself as a ‘Slave’ – Bondservant TO His King: Lord Jesus
- The Churches going through various trials are ‘Given the Chance to Make the Choice’

“Lift your eyes and examine your hearts – We WILL stand before the Christ!”