

The background is a solid light green color. In the corners, there are stylized illustrations of green foliage. The top-left corner features a branch with several pointed leaves. The top-right corner shows a similar branch with leaves. The bottom-left corner has a cluster of leaves. The bottom-right corner features a branch with leaves and some small white dots, possibly representing seeds or dew. The word "James" is written in a large, bold, dark green, sans-serif font, centered horizontally.

James

Discovering God's Delight in a Lived-Out Faith

This letter was written:

- By James
- To Jewish Christians
- From Jerusalem about 48 AD
- Regarding putting faith to work in trials and hardships

Why this letter was written:

- External Problems
- Internal Problems
 - ❖ Spiritual distress
 - ❖ Wrong living caused by wrong doctrine
 - ❖ Wrong attitudes toward the goodness of God and His gifts
 - ❖ A general low spiritual state

Why we should study this letter:

- It offers us practical wisdom
- It challenges us to grow spiritually
- It equips us to live out our faith in the real world

How?

- James strengthens us in trials
- James challenges our speech and relationships

“First century Jewish Christians struggled with persevering through hardship, maintaining good works, promoting peace in their churches, and living patiently in anticipation of the Lord’s return. They knew Jesus as the Way of life but needed a travel guide for walking in that Way through life. So do we! In the midst of the struggles of everyday life, we can all use a dose of James’s hands-on Christianity.”

Charles R. Swindoll



Next week...

Complete Lesson 1

