

Jumpin' into James

Biography, Overview, Themes

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- **Cannon, controversy**
 - 4-5th century; Roman Catholic/M.Luther perspectives

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References to Nature

- 1:6 – wave of the sea
- 1:6 – tossed by the wind
- 1:10 – wild flower
- 1:11 – sun ... scorching heat
- 1:11 – the plant ... blossoms fall
- 1:17 – heavenly lights
- 1:17 – shifting shadows
- 3:3 – bits in mouths of horses
- 3:4 – ships ... driven by strong winds
- 3:5 – forest set afire by small spark
- 3:6 – a fire
- 3:7 – animals, birds, reptiles
- 3:11 – fresh & salt water
- 3:12 – fig trees ... grapevine
- 4:14 – you are a mist
- 5:6 – moths have eaten your clothes
- 5:3 – gold and silver are corroded
- 5:4 – workman mowed your fields
- 5:4 – cries of the harvesters
- 5:5 – days of slaughter
- 5:7 – farmer waits for the crop
- 5:7 – patient for fall and spring rains
- 5:14 – anoint him with oil
- 5:17 – prayed that it would not rain
- 5:17 – it did not rain on the land
- 5:18 – heavens gave rain
- 5:18 – the earth produced its crops

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James references to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

JAMES:

- 1:2
- 1:4
- 1:5; 5:15
- 1:9
- 1:20
- 2:13
- 2:14-16
- 3:17-18
- 4:4
- 4:10
- 4:11
- 5:2
- 5:10
- 5:12

MATTHEW:

- 5:10-12
- 5:48
- 7:7-12
- 5:3
- 5:22
- 5:7; 6:14-15
- 7:21-23
- 5:9
- 6:24
- 5:3-5
- 7:1-2
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- 5:12
- 5:33-37

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 - **The practical application of faith expressed through righteousness and wisdom**

Thematic Outline

1. Biography – Apostle James
Introduction to Themes
2. James 1:1-18 – Trials and Temptations
Putting the Faith into Practice
3. James 1:19-27 – Listening and Doing
4. James 2:1-13 – Favoritism Forbidden
5. James 2:14-26 – Faith and Deeds;
Dissension in the Community
6. James 3:1-12 – Taming the Tongue
7. James 3:13-18 – Two Kinds of Wisdom
James 4:1-12 – Submit Yourself to
God; Rich and Poor
8. James 4:13-17 – Boasting About
Tomorrow
James 5:1-6 – Warning to Rich
Oppressors
9. James 5:7-12 – Patience in Suffering
Conclusion
10. James 5:13-20 – The Prayer of Faith