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Introduction & Overview

1. Authorship and Background of James:

- a. Authorship: James the _____ of Jesus. –*John 7:5; Acts 12:17; 15:13*
- b. Date and location of writing: mid 40's from _____.
 - i. _____ the church was scattered from Jerusalem. –*Acts 8:1*
 - ii. _____ the controversy of gentile inclusion in the church. –*Acts 15:1-35*
- c. Occasion: to _____ the scattered and persecuted church. –*1:1*
- d. Recipients: The mostly _____ and _____ church. –*5:7*

2. Key Features of James:

- a. Intensely _____ and _____:
 - i. Less _____ development, and little about _____. –*1:1; 2:1*
 - ii. More _____ per verse than any other NT book. –*4:6-10*
- b. Relies heavily on the _____ teachings of Jesus. –*2:8 5:12; Matt 5:34*
- c. Makes use of vivid word _____. –*1:6, 11, 14-15,*

3. Central Theme of James: *True _____ _____ in the midst of life's _____, by walking in the _____ of God.*

- a. Seen in our use of the _____. –*1:13, 19-21; 3:1-18; 4:11-17*
- b. Seen in our relationship to _____. –*1:9-11; 2:1-7, 14-17; 5:1-6*
- c. Seen in our relationship to the _____. –*1:27; 3:13-15; 4:1-10*

4. Introduction and Greeting of James: (1)

- a. _____ to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion. –*John 7:35; 1 Pet 1:1*
- b. Greetings: –*Eph 1:1-2*

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James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:

Greetings.