

# THE QUEENS MINISTRY

## BIBLE BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

### “Seeing Jesus in the Teachings of James”

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“For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ” – John 1:17

#### Part 1 -    Seeing Jesus in the Teachings of James

The book of James is a reminder to believers that faith must produce good fruit. The writer urges the readers to live out their faith; to display a living, active faith. He emphasizes the themes of faith, testing, wisdom and doing. One biblical commentary tells us that the message of the book is clear: **“Go and do good things for others, rather than just talking about it.”**

The book also shows a special familiarity with the teachings of Jesus. Most scholars agree that the author of this book was James, the Lord’s brother (Galatian 1:18-19, Acts 15:13-15,19) who was a leader in the church at Jerusalem. And according to tradition, he was designated the first Bishop of this Jerusalem assembly - Having great authority and leadership. So, we already see a connection!

In our lesson we want to highlight important teachings found in the book of James and their similarity with the teachings found in the Sermon on the Mount shared by Jesus and recorded in the Gospel of Matthew. Scholars tell us that James does not quote Jesus directly – but we can find in studying both teachings that there are many **parallels**.

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Though we list James as one of the books of the Bible – it is actually a letter written perhaps AD 49 to Christian Jews. James 1:1 tells us the intended audience.

We know this book offers us some good stuff for effective Christian living! From our past study of James we have learned that we must be **“Hearers and Doers of the Word,”** or that **“Faith without works is Dead,”** or **“Be Quick to hear and Slow to Speak!”** to name a few.

Take a moment and recall your favorite teaching and verse from James – write it below:

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Why is this verse important to you? Has this teaching caused you to change in any way? In what ways have you put this teaching into practice?

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What does James 1:21 tell us that we need to receive? \_\_\_\_\_

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Let's compare that to Matthew 13:23 - \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Part 2 - Seeing Jesus in the Teachings of James**

Let's compare verses in James to the teachings of Jesus found in the Sermon on the Mount

- 1) **James 1:2** My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials

[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 5:10-12](#)

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- 2) **James 1:4** But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 5:48](#)

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- 3) **James 1:5** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him

[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 7:7-8](#)

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- 4) **James 1:17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning

[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 7:7-11](#)

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- 5) **James 1:20** For the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God

[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 5:22](#)

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- 6) **James 1:22** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves

[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 7:24-27](#)

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- 7) **James 2:5** Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?  
[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 5:3, 5](#)
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- 8) **James 2:10** For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all  
[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 5:22](#)
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- 9) **James 2:13** For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment  
[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 5:7](#)
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- 10) **James 3:12** Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh  
[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 7:16](#)
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- 11) **James 3:18** Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace  
[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 5:9](#)
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- 12) **James 4: 2-3** You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask  
[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 7:7-8](#)
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- 13) **James 4:4** Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God  
[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 6:24](#)
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- 14) **James 4:9-10** Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up  
[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 5:4](#)
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15) **James 4:11-12** Do not speak evil of one another brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law... There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?  
[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 7:1-5](#)

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16) **James 4:13-14** Come now, you who say: Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell and make a profit. Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow...  
[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 6:34](#)

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17) **James 5:2-3** Your riches are corrupted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver are corroded... You have heaped up treasure in the last days  
[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 6:19](#)

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18) **James 5:10-11** My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed, we count them blessed who endure...  
[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 5:12](#)

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19) **James 5:12** But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your Yes be Yes and your No – No, lest you fall into judgment  
[What is the similar teaching found in Matthew 5:33-37](#)

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In conclusion, we see that the teachings and preaching of Jesus, left a great impact on the lives of those that heard Him. James was not the only one that found wisdom and truths in the teachings of Jesus. What about you? Has His words made a difference in your life?

Write down two things that you have gained from this lesson that you feel is important to you and important enough to share

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