

JAMES

in action

General epistles

Catholic epistles

- James
- 1, 2 Peter
- 1, 2, 3 John
- Jude

Greetings

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

To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:

Greetings.



Which James?

- James the younger, son of Alpheus, one of Twelve apostles
- James, son of Zebedee, brother of John, first of Twelve to be martyred
- James the Just, Joseph and Mary's son, Jesus' half-brother

James the Just

- Unbeliever, then saw risen Jesus
- Leader in Jerusalem church
- Presided at first great Council
- Called "the Just," had "camel knees"
- Thrown from pinnacle of temple, clubbed, and stoned to death

Who is Jesus?

Messiah, God, Lord of glory

- God and Lord Jesus Christ (1:1) Θεοῦ καὶ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ δοῦλος
- Our Lord of glory Jesus Christ (2:1) τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ τῆς δόξης

Written to whom?

To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations (1:1)

- Twelve tribes: can mean Jews or all of God's people
- Diaspora: living as exiles and foreigners in unfriendly nations



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