

Practical Christianity

James 1:1
(series #1)

Introduction: snapshots of the family of Jesus

- Matthew 12:46-50

Even His brothers did not believe - John 7:5

Jesus had 4 brothers & several sisters

- Matthew 13:54-56

They are specifically connected to Mary

They are mentioned in all the gospels

- Mark 3:31; Luke 8:19-21; John 7:3-5

- Mark 3:20-21

I. The Character of the Book of James

A. "Proverbs of the New Testament"

B. Extreme practicality - 54 imperatives

II. The Author of the Book of James v. 1

A. Converted by the risen Lord - 1 Cor. 5:7

B. One of the leaders of the Jerusalem church

C. Very observant of life and nature

D. Wrote to the 12 tribes scattered

E. Saw himself as a bondservant - Ex. 21:2-6

F. Describes genuine, pure faith

Conclusion: Does your faith affect your whole life?