

The Slave of Christ

James 1:1

Who Wrote James?

No

First Option - James, Son of Zebedee

- *James was martyred by Herod Agrippa (Acts 12:2)*
- *James died in A.D. 43 – 44*
- *Epistle was written A.D. 44 - 49*

Who Wrote James?

Yes

Second Option - James, the brother of Jesus

- **Lived after James, the son of Zebedee (Acts 12:17) – after A.D. 44**
- **Presided over the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:13; 21:28; Gal. 1:19; 2:9) – A.D. 52**
- **Died A.D. 62**

Book of James

- **Author is James**
- **21 allusions to Sermon on the Mount**
- **40 allusions to O.T.**
- **A.D. 44 - 49**



“To The Twelve Tribes of Israel”

- ***Because the Christians had fled Jerusalem***
 - ***Acts 8:1-4 - Paul was persecuting church***
 - ***Acts 12 - Herod Agrippa persecuted the church***

The Most Interesting Phrase

“Bond-servant of”

NASB, NJKV says “bond-servant”

KJV, ESV and NIV says “servant”

All These Bibles Translated It Wrong

“Bond-servant of”

- *There are a number of Greek words that mean “servant”*
- *Bond-servant is the wrong translation from the Greek*
- *Not “servant or bond-servant”*
- *The Greek **δουλος** word means “slave”*

See How *δουλος* Is Used in N.T.

Titus 2:9

1 Timothy 6:1

Colossians 4:1; 3:22

Ephesians 6:5 – 6

John 15:15 - 16

See How *δουλος* Is Used By Writers

Romans 1:1 - *Paul*

Philippians 1:1 - *Paul*

2 Timothy 2:24 - *Timothy*

Titus 1:1 - *Titus*

2 Peter 1:1 - *Peter*

Jude 1:1 - *Jude*

True Meaning of the Word

- Been masked by our translations
- Yet, Jesus was a *δουλος* – *Phil. 2:7*
- Jesus calls us to be His slave – *Luke 6:46*
- Because we were bought – *1 Cor. 7:22-23*

How Shall We Respond?

- **We Freely Came – Romans 10:9**
- **We Were Bought – 1 Cor. 7:22 – 23**
- **Now Freely Serve Him – 1 Peter 2:16**
- **Your Choice – 1 Peter 2:16**