

## James – The Epistle of James

Target read by date **12<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

### Background

#### Size: 5 chapters

**Who wrote it?** It is believed that the most likely James to be the author is James the brother of Jesus; AKA James The Just, Bishop of Jerusalem. James was a late convert to Christianity, not taking up office until meeting his brother after His resurrection.

**When did he write it?** There is some debate, but agreed by most to be a very early writing possibly written around 10 years after Jesus' crucifixion, making this the oldest (earliest) book of the New Testament.

**Other works linked to the author:** The pseudepigraphical Protoevangelium of James in which James is the older brother by a previous wife of Joseph and Joseph is an old man at the time of the birth of Jesus.