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Trials and temptations **James 1:1-18 (page1213)**

Author- James, Brother of Jesus, post resurrection
disciple

Date: Pre 49 AD, same date it later

Recipients: scattered Jewish Christians across
middle east



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Not a book for lovers of Pauline Protestant
Theology

Wasn't canonical until later



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Distinctive Characteristics

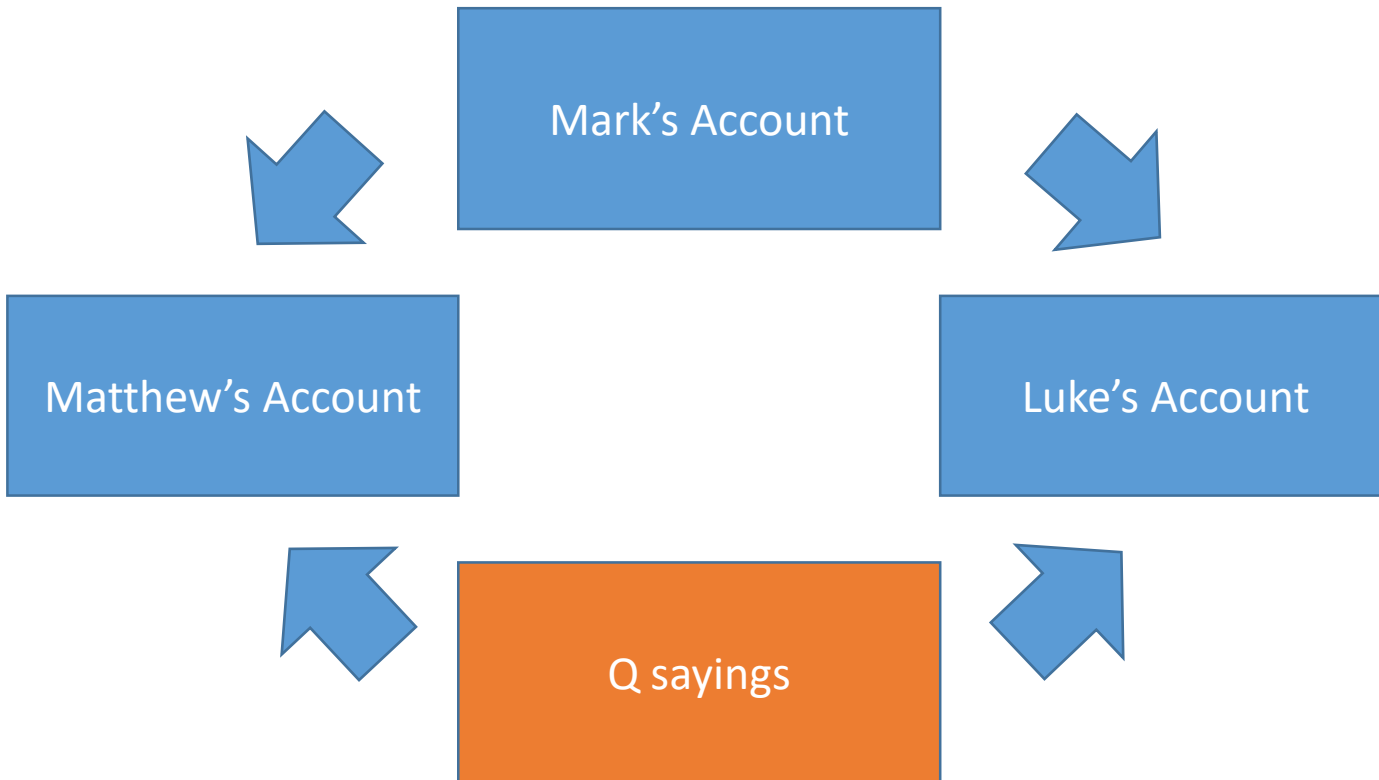
1. Quality writing
2. Jewish Nature
3. Focus on deeds
4. Simple organisation (pericopes)
5. Use of the “Q” sayings



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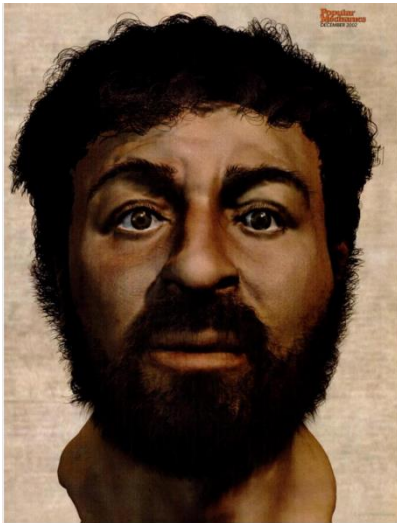
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- Greetings (1:1)
- Trials and Temptations (1:2-18)
 - The Testing of Faith (1:2-12)
 - The Source of Temptation (1:13-18)
- Listening and Doing (1:19-27)
- Favoritism Forbidden (2:1-13)
- Faith and Deeds (2:14-26)
- Taming the Tongue (3:1-12)
- Two Kinds of Wisdom (3:13-18)
- Warning against Worldliness (ch. 4)
 - Quarrelsomeness (4:1-3)
 - Spiritual Unfaithfulness (4:4)
 - Pride (4:5-10)
 - Slander (4:11-12)
 - Boasting (4:13-17)
- Warning to Rich Oppressors (5:1-6)
- Miscellaneous Exhortations (5:7-20)
 - Concerning Patience in Suffering (5:7-11)
 - Concerning Oaths (5:12)
 - Concerning the Prayer of Faith (5:13-18)
 - Concerning Those Who Wander from the Truth (5:19-20)



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