

Connections between James and the Sermon on the Mount



James uses a similar style of teaching to that which Christ used. Some commentaries say that there are as many as 30-40 allusions to the Sermon on the Mount alone. Christ's words at this time must have had a great impact on James for him to have remembered them, as the gospels were only written after James.

JAMES	SERMON ON THE MOUNT
1:2,3 - count it all joy when ye fall into diverse temptations	Matt 5:10-12; Luke 6:22-23 - blessed are they which are persecuted
1:12,25; 2:5; 4:10; 5:10,11 - poor of this world...humble yourselves	Matt 5:3; Luke 6:20-23 - blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
4:9 - be afflicted, and mourn, and weep	Matt 5:4 - blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted
2:5 - poor of this world... heirs of the kingdom	Matt 5:5 - blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth
2:13 - mercy rejoiceth against judgement	Matt 5:7 - blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy
4:8 - draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. cleanse your hands...purify your hearts	Matt 5:8 - blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God
3:17-18 - the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace	Matt 5:9 - blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God
1:2,12;5:10,11 - count it all joy	Matt 5:10-12 - rejoice and be exceeding glad
1:19,20; 3:6,9,10; 4:2 - curse we men	Matt 5:22 - whosoever is angry with his brother
2:6,13 - draw before judgement seats	Matt 5:25,26; Luke 12:21,58,59 - cast thee into prison
5:12 - swear not, neither by heaven, neither by earth... yea be yea...nay, nay	Matt 5:34-37 - swear not at all... yea, yea; nay, nay
1:25; 2:8-12; 3:9-12; 5:20 - love your neighbour... so speak ye and so do	Matt 5:44; Luke 6:27,28,35,36 - love your enemies... do good
1:4; 3:2 - that ye may be perfect	Matt 5:48 - be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect
2:13 - he shall have judgement without mercy that shewed no mercy	Matt 6:14; Luke 6:36,37 - forgive and ye shall be forgiven
4:4; 1:8 - double-minded man... enmity with God	Matt 6:24 - no man can serve two masters
4:13 - ye know not what shall be on the morrow... for what is your life	Matt 6:25; Luke 12:22-31 - take no thought for your life
1:9-11 - as the flower of the grass he shall pass away	Matt 6:30 - grass of the field
4:13,14 - ye know not what shall be on the morrow	Matt 6:34 - take therefore no thought for the morrow
2:4,13; 4:11; 5:9 - speak not evil one of another	Matt 7:1-5; Luke 6:37,38,41,42 - judge not, that ye be not judged

1:3-6,17; 4:2,3 - if any lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally	Matt 7:7-11; Luke 11:5-13 - ask, and it shall be given you
1:25; 2:8,12; 5:20 - a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his "doing"	Matt 7:12; Luke 6:27-36 - do good
3:12,17,18 - can a fig tree bear olives? Wisdom of above... full of good fruits	Matt 7:16 - ye shall know them by their fruits
1:22; 2:17 - be ye doers...faith without works is dead	Matt 7:21; Luke 6:46 - he that doeth the will of my Father... shall enter the kingdom
2:9 (Gk); 5:9,20 - commit sin	Matt 7:23; Luke 13:25-27 - ye that work iniquity