

The Book of James

Of the 88 verses in the epistle, 67 verses contain clear allusions to, or expound recorded statements of Jesus

Parallels between James and the beatitudes:

Subject	Jesus	James
Beatitudes describe "wisdom from above"	Matt.5:8, 9, 5, 7	3:17
Poor chosen to be heirs of the kingdom	Luke6:20	2:5
Favor to the humble (poor in spirit)	Matt.5:3	1:9; 4:6
Mourning, not laughter	Matt.5:4; Luke 6:25	4:9; 5:1
Meekness	Matt.5:5	1:21; 3:13
Hunger and thirst Vs. the "full"	Matt.5:6; Lk.6:21, 25	5:4-8
No mercy for the merciless	Matt.5:7; 6:14-15	2:13
Purity of heart	Matt.5:8	4:8
Peacemakers	Matt.5:9 (vv.23-26)	3:18
Count it joy to suffer	Mtt.5:11f; Lk.6:22f	1:2

Allusions in James to other parts of the Sermon on the Mount:

Subject	Jesus	James
That you may be perfect	Matt.5:48	1:4
Ask, it will be given	Matt.7:7	1:5
Men, like flowers, though finely arrayed, quickly perish	Matt.6:28-30	1:10-11
Father gives good gifts	Matt.7:9-11	1:17
Slow to wrath	Matt.5:22	1:19-20
Do the word, don't just hear	Matt.7:24-27	1:22
Evil judging by appearance	Matt.7:1; John7:24	2:4; 4:11-12
Love your neighbor	Matt.5:43-47	2:8
Saying one has faith, but without works	Matt.7:21	2:14-26
Words and gehenna	Matt.5:22	3:6
Tree known by its fruit	Matt.7:16-20	3:12
Moth and rust corrupting "laid up" treasures	Matt.6:19-20	5:2-3
Non-resistance of evil	Matt.5:39	5:6
Suffering like the prophets	Matt.5:12	5:10
Don't swear by heaven or earth	Matt.5:34-37	5:12

Allusions in James to other sayings of Jesus:

Subject	Jesus	James
Wisdom given by God when needed	Matt.10:19; Lk.21:15	1:5
Ask in faith	Mark 11:24-25	1:6-8
Crown of life to faithful sufferers	Rev.2:10	1:12
The implanted word	Luke 8:15	1:18, 21
Words defile a man	Matt.15:18-20	3:6
Favor to the humble	Luke 14:7-11; 18:9-14	4:6, 10
The folly of presumption about future prosperity	Luke 12:16-21	4:13-16
Christ's coming is "at the door"	Matt.24:33	5:9

Parallel Statements between James, 1 Peter and 1 John

Subject	James	Other
Rejoice in suffering because of benefit	1:3-4	1 Peter 1:6-7
Grass & flower fades (Isaiah 40:6-8)	1:10-11	1 Peter 1:24-25
The commandment is love	2:8	1 John 3:11; 4:21
Assist the poor as proof of faith/love	2:15-17	1 John 3:16-18
No friendship with the world & God	4:4	1 John 2:15-17
God resists the proud (Pr.3:34); humble yourself	4:6, 10	1 Peter 5:5-6
These are the last days/ times / final hour	5:3, 8-9	1 Pet.1:20 / 1 John 2:18