

ANSWER KEY

Unit 5.2 Checkup—James

1. Who was the author of this letter? List some key facts about the author.

James was a half brother of Jesus; he was Mary's second son. He was an early leader of the church in Jerusalem.

2. To whom was the letter written, and why?

To Jewish Christians who were “scattered among the nations” (1:1) after the stoning of Stephen. It was written in order to encourage these suffering believers and to urge them to live faithful Christian lives.

3. When and where was the letter written?

James was written about the same time as Galatians, AD 48–50. We don't know where it was written from, but since James was a leader of the Jerusalem church, it's likely that it was written from there.

4. What is the theme of the book of James?

Faith without works is dead.

5. What other facts have you learned about this book?

Answers will vary.