

Responses to the argument:

- (1) Special interest in physical ties to Jesus didn't emerge until after the time of James' death. Therefore, the failure of James to refer to his physical ties to Jesus fits with him being the author of the book.
 - (2) James didn't believe on Jesus during his earthly ministry. cf. John 7:5. Therefore, during Jesus' earthly ministry, James' physical relationship with him didn't give him any special insight into His person or mission nor did it carry with it any special status. Thus, there was no need to refer to it.
 - (3) The appearance of the resurrected Christ to Paul decisively changed his life. Yet, Paul only refers to it in two out of his thirteen letters. Why then does James have to mention it in this letter?
 - (4) We don't have enough information about the circumstances in which this letter was written nor about how well James and his readers knew one another to say what should or should not have been written. Thus this argument is of little value.
- b. ~~James couldn't have written the Greek in the book of James now could he have been familiar with the cultural background contained in it.~~