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Similarities with the teaching of Jesus: “there are more parallels in this Epistle than in any other New Testament book to the teaching of our Lord in the Gospels. Example: The Sermon on the Mount:

1:2	Joy in the midst of trials	<u>Matt. 5:10-12</u>
1:4	Exhortation to perfection	<u>Matt. 5:48</u>
1:5	Asking for good gifts	<u>Matt. 7:7ff.</u>
1:20	Against anger	<u>Matt. 5:22</u>
1:22	Hearers and doers of the Word	<u>Matt. 7:24ff.</u>
2:10	The whole law to be kept	<u>Matt. 5:19</u>
2:13	Blessings of mercifulness	<u>Matt. 5:7</u>
3:18	Blessings of peacemakers	<u>Matt. 5:9</u>
4:4	Friendship of the world as enmity against God	<u>Matt. 6:24</u>
4:11	Against judging others	<u>Matt. 7:1-5</u>
5:2ff.	Moth and rust spoiling riches	<u>Matt. 6:19</u>
5:10	The prophets as examples	<u>Matt. 5:12</u>
5:12	Against oaths	<u>Matt. 5:33-37</u>

James' speech in Acts 15 contains many striking parallels in language with the epistle of James. For example, χαίρω is found in Jas. 1:1 and Acts 15:23 (and elsewhere in Acts only in 23:26); Acts 15:17 and Jas. 2:7 invoke God's name in a special way; the exhortation for the brothers (ἀδελφοί) to hear is found both in Jas. 2:5 and Acts 15:13. Further, not-so-common individual words are found in both: ἐπισκέπτεσθε (Jas. 1:27; Acts 15:14); ἐπιστρέφειν (Jas. 5:19 and Acts 15:19); τηρεῖν (or διατηρεῖν) ἑαυτόν (Jas. 1:27; Acts 15:29); ἀγαπητός (Jas. 1:16, 19; 2:5; Acts 15:25). Though short of conclusive proof, this is nevertheless significant corroborative evidence.