



# Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast

September 29, 2024

*"Who was James?"*

*"James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings."  
(James 1:1, NIV)*

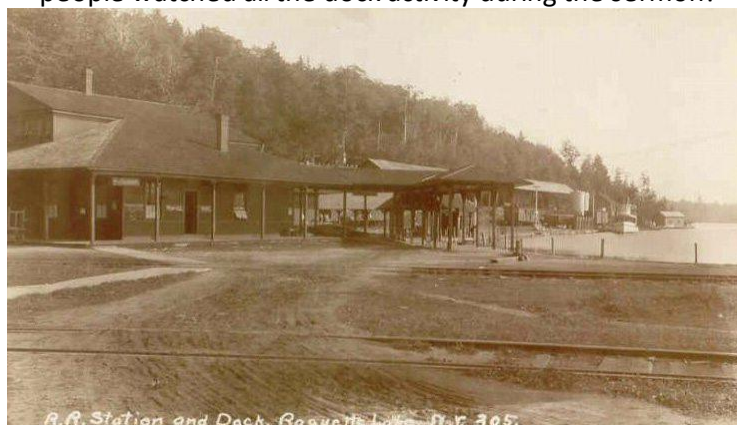
**And thus begins the Epistle of James and our deep dive into his message.** James, the brother of Jesus, became a key leader in the early church, particularly in Jerusalem, where his role evolved into one of great influence by the time of the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15). Initially skeptical, James' conversion occurred after Jesus' resurrection (1 Cor. 15:7). Raised alongside Jesus, it's likely James experienced both admiration and confusion regarding his brother's mission. Following his conversion, James helped lead his siblings to faith. His leadership was further established when Peter, following his escape from prison, asked for word to be sent to James. Known for his humility, James authored the Epistle of James, emphasizing faith in action. By the end of his life, he was recognized as a pillar of the church. Although historical accounts are uncertain, tradition holds that James died a martyr's death. His legacy as a devout leader and example of Christian faith remains significant in church history. And we have a lot to learn from James in our times! We've touched on James Chapter 3. Next week we start digging into James Chapter 1.

## *Raquette Lake Chapel History*

*(from "The Raquette Lake Chapel – The First 50 Years")*

Early in the year of 1927 a small group of dedicated Christians approached Rev. Herbert Baird, who was then minister for the Church of the Lakes, Inlet, and requested worship service at Raquette Lake. Meetings were held Tuesday evenings in either the waiting room of the railroad station or in a R.R. coach in the siding. A portable organ (foot pumped by the organist), was easily moved into the coach. As Rev. Baird states, "With every seat affording a window from which activities on the dock could be plainly seen the minister had challenging competition."

Below, an early picture of the RR station and dock at Raquette Lake. Imagine the challenge of the preacher as people watched all the dock activity during the sermon!



*R.R. Station and Dock, Raquette Lake, N.Y. 305.*

**Prayer Box:** pray for healing Bill and support for Margo; pray for healing for Holland and Steve; pray for comfort and protection for Justin and comfort for his family; pray for an end to the divisiveness our country; pray for those affected by hurricane Helene.

*Lord, hear our prayers!*