

DAYS 1 & 2 – JAMES 1:1-11

1. What did you find new or interesting from the lecture?

2. Most scholars attribute the Book of James to James of Jerusalem, the Lord's kinsman. What do you learn about this James from the following verses?
 - 1 Corinthians 15:7 _____
 - Galatians 1:19 (See Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 500 [CCC 500]) _____

 - Galatians 2:9 _____
 - Acts 15:13-21 _____

3.
 - a. With what attitude are we to face trials and why?

 - b. How does the testing of one's faith develop perseverance?

 - c. How do the following verses expand James' exhortation about perseverance?
 - Romans 5:3-5 _____

 - 1 Peter 1:6-7 _____

 - d. When have trials produced perseverance in your faith? **(Personal)**

4.
 - a. James encourages all to ask God for wisdom. What is the difference between wisdom and intelligence?

 - b. How is wisdom described in Wisdom 7:22-27?

 - c. What practical instructions can you use from Sirach 1:23, 6:18-37 in seeking wisdom?

5.
 - a. James exhorts his readers to pray in faith. According to CCC 2610-2611, what does this mean?

 - b. According to James, the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea. What result can a person who doubts expect from his/her prayer?

 - c. What does it mean to be "of two minds" (double-minded)?

6. How does James illustrate the futility of storing up material treasure?

DAYS 3 & 4 – JAMES 1:12-18

7.
 - a. According to Verse 12, of what benefit is temptation? (See also CCC 2847)

 - b. What blessing does a person receive who perseveres under trials and temptations?

8. a. Does God tempt us? What is the difference between trials and temptations?
- b. According to James 1:14, a person can be tempted by their own desires. What is this desire called? (See CCC 2515)
- c. How will man prevail over temptation? (See CCC 2520)
9. According to James 1:14-15, what are the steps toward spiritual death?
10. a. James warns against being deceived. From the following verses, what are some ways a person can be deceived?
- 1 Corinthians 3:18-19 _____
 - 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 _____
 - Colossians 2:8 _____
 - James 1:16-17 _____
 - 1 John 1:8 _____
- b. Satan is the father of lies whose goal is to prevent people from attaining eternal life with God. What do you think has been his most effective deception in the culture today?
- c. According to 2 Thessalonians 2:1-15, how can you guard against Satan's deceptions?
11. Restate verse 17 in your own words. (See CCC 212)

DAY 5 – JAMES 1:19-27

12. a. From James 1:19, what should characterize a Christian's conversations?
- b. What do you learn from Sirach 5:12-17 and 20:4-7 that can help you with conversations?
13. Why do you think filth and evil excess must be purged in order for the Word of God to be effective for your salvation?
14. a. According to verses 22-23, how can we delude ourselves into thinking we are good Christians?
- b. How does an examination of conscience help one truly see him/herself? (See CCC 1454)
15. a. How do today's verses point to the difference between a student and a disciple? (See CCC 546, 1816, 2470)
- b. Are you a student of Jesus or a disciple? Explain. **(Personal)**
16. What closing words of the Mass encourage the people to be disciples – doers of the Word?
17. a. According to James what are some indicators of vain religion and pure religion?
- b. Who are the "orphans and widows" of our day and how do you care for them?
- c. How will this week's lesson help you in times of trial?