

The Letter of St. James

Author

Who is the author of the letter based on longstanding tradition?

Destination

Who did James write this letter to?

What are the seven Catholic Epistles and why are they called Catholic?

Themes

What is the main theme of this letter?

Read 1:1 What are the basic themes of the letter laid out in the first chapter?
(Note 1:2-27)

Read 1:2-5 What is wisdom? (Note 1:5)

Read 1:9-11 What is the problem with having material wealth? (Note 1:10)

Read 1:12-15 Does God tempt? (Note 1:13)

Read 1:19-25 What two types of hearing are distinguished in conversation? (Note 1:19-25)

Read 1:26-27 What is the meaning of the word religion? (Note 1:27)

Read 2:1-7 How can the poor be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom? (Note 2:5)

Read 2:8-13 What is the relationship between judgment and mercy? (Note 2:13)

Read 2:14-17 How does faith in action relate to our salvation? (Note 2:14)

Read 2:18-19 What is saving faith? (Note 2:18)

How do the demons have intellectual faith but no works? (Note 2:19)

Read 2:20-22 What is the meaning of justification? (Note 2:21)

Read 2:23-26 Are we justified by faith alone? (Note 2:24)

Faith and Works -- Topical Essay

Is there a contradiction in teaching between Paul and James concerning faith, works and justification?

What are some examples of misusing the tongue? (Note 3:1–12)

Read 3:6-12 Can use of the tongue be contradictory? (Note 3:9)

Read 4:1-3 What causes wars and fighting? (Note 4:1–2)

Read 4:4 Why is friendship with the world a bad thing? (Note 4:4)

Read 4:11 What is the difference between detraction and calumny? (Note 4:11)

Read 4:13-17 What is the sin of omission? (Note 4:17)

Read 5:1-6 What is economic injustice? (Note 5:4)

Read 5:13-14 What is the significance of anointing with oil? Note (5:14)

Word Study -- Elders

What is an Elder?

Read 5:15-16 Should we confess our sins to one another or to a priest? (Note 5:16)

The Letter of Saint Jude

Author

Who is Saint Jude?

Destination

Who did Saint Jude address this letter to?

Themes and Characteristics

What is Saint Jude's appeal?

Read 1-3 What is the deposit of Faith? Note 3

Read 4 What is antinomianism? Note 4

Read 8-9 What is the proper understanding when biblical writers quote from non-biblical works? Note 9

Read 10-11 What are the three infamous sinners in the Old Testament that Saint Jude alludes to? Note 11