

# The Letter of St. James

## Introduction

### Author

Who have scholars throughout the ages given preference to regarding the actual author of the letter?

### 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?

# Chapter 1

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

## Faith and Wisdom

What is wisdom? (Note 1:5)

## Poverty and Riches

What is the problem with having material wealth? (Note 1:10)

## Trial and Temptation

Does God temp? (Note 1:13)

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

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

## **Chapter 2**

### **Warning Against Partiality**

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

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

## Faith Without Works is Dead

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

What is saving faith? (Note 2:18)

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

What is the meaning of justification? (Note 2:21)

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?

## **Chapter 3**

### Taming the Tongue

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

Can use of the tongue be contradictory? (Note 3:9)

## **Chapter 4**

### Friendship with the World

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

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

### Warning against Judging Another

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

### Boasting about Tomorrow

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

## **Chapter 5**

### Warning to Rich Oppressors

What is economic injustice? (Note 5:4)

## The Prayer of Faith

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

## Word Study -- Elders

What is an Elder?

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

# The Letter of Saint Jude

## Introduction

### Author

Who is Saint Jude?

### Destination

Who did Saint Jude address this letter to?

### Themes and Characteristics

What is Saint Jude's appeal?

What is the deposit of Faith? Note 3

What is antinomianism? Note 4

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

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