

## WORD SCRAMBLE



baptism	cup	disciple	elder
fisherman	glory	Herod	James
Jesus	John	left	ransom
right	servant	slave	Zebedee

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# LESSONS FOR LAMBS

**ST. JAMES THE ELDER, APOSTLE (JULY 25)**

*The color for St. James the Elder, Apostle, is red.*



## What to listen for during the service?

In the Gospel reading today we hear about baptism. Look for the baptismal font in your church. What happens when we are baptized? When we are baptized we hear the words, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Listen for those words during the service. When do they occur and what do they signify in worship?

## **Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45**

*(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)*

35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" 37 And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" 39 And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. 42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

### **Questions to talk about with your parents:**

- 1) What did James and John ask Jesus to do for them? Why did they want that?
- 2) How does Jesus respond?
- 3) What has Jesus done for us that we cannot do? What cup did He drink and what baptism did He receive?
- 4) Why were the other disciples upset?
- 5) What does Jesus say we need to do to be "great"?
- 6) Who are we to serve?

### **People of the Bible: James**

Today we celebrate the feast of St. James and we read about him in the Gospel. James, the son of Zebedee, was called James the Greater and was the older brother of John. James and John were fishermen until Jesus called them to be his

disciples. They then followed Jesus and learned from Him. James knew Jesus was his Savior and died to forgive sins. In Acts 12 we hear that Herod killed James with a sword. Since James had faith and was a part of the church, he went to be with Jesus after He died. James, the son of Zebedee, is not to be confused with James, the son of Alphaeus, who was another one of Jesus' disciples. We celebrate his feast day on May 1. This other James was often called James the Less, because he was younger than the other disciple named James. He is also not to be confused with James the brother of Jesus, who we hear about on Easter V and on his feast day of St. James of Jerusalem on October 23.

### **HYMN – "By All Your Saints in Warfare"**

- 1 By all Your saints in warfare,  
For all Your saints at rest,  
Your holy name, O Jesus,  
Forevermore be blest!  
For You have won the battle  
That they might wear the crown;  
And now they shine in glory  
Reflected from Your throne.
- 2 O Lord, for James we praise You,  
Who fell to Herod's sword;  
He drank the cup of suff'ring  
And thus fulfilled Your word.  
Lord, curb our vain impatience  
For glory and for fame,  
Equip us for such suff'rings  
As glorify Your name.
- 3 Then let us praise the Father  
And worship God the Son  
And sing to God the Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One,  
Till all the ransomed number  
Fall down before the throne,  
Ascribing pow'r and glory  
And praise to God alone.