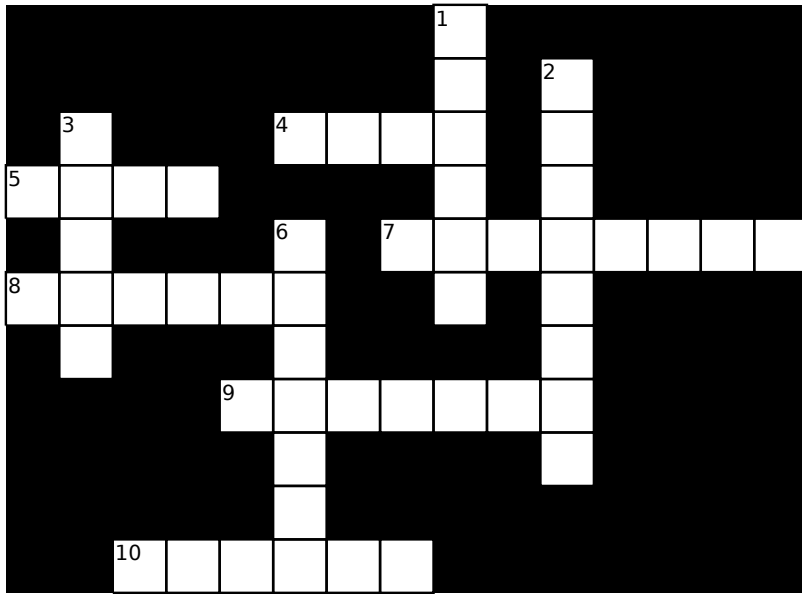


CROSSWORD



Across

- 4 We hear about James as a leader of the Church in the Book of _____.
- 5 The mother of Jesus was _____.
- 7 Jesus tried to teach in his _____, but they wouldn't listen.
- 8 James eventually became a _____ of the Church in Jerusalem.
- 9 James was the author of the _____ James.
- 10 James was a _____ and died for his faith in Christ.

Down

- 1 James is known as the first _____ of Jerusalem.
- 2 Jesus did not do many mighty works in His hometown, because of their _____.
- 3 St. _____ of Jerusalem was the brother of Jesus.
- 6 Jesus said, "A _____ is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household."

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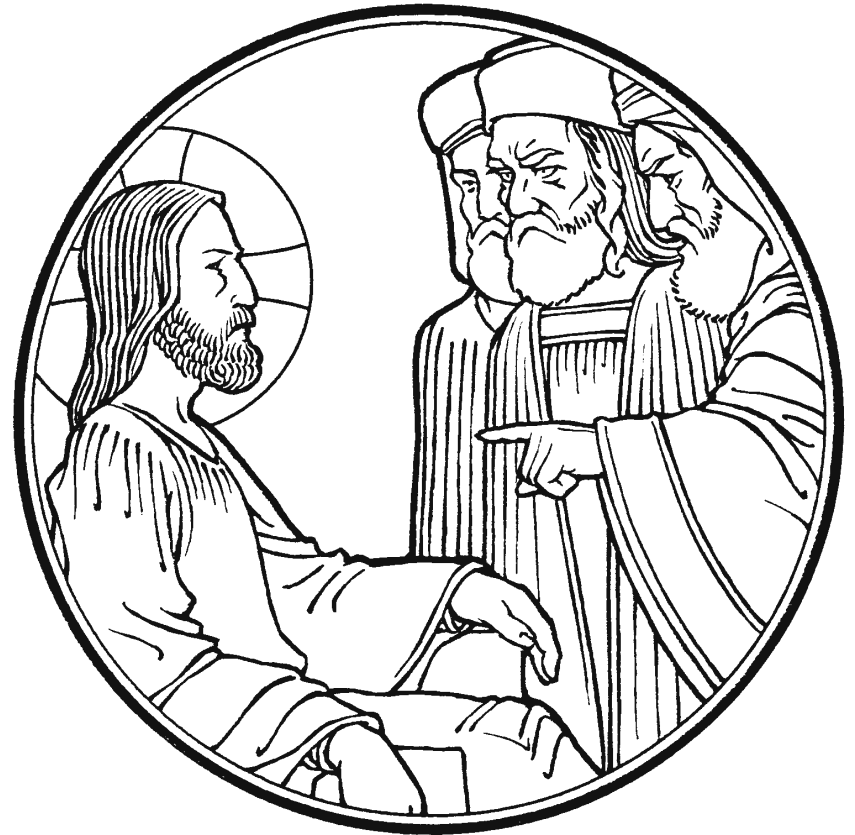
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LESSONS FOR LAMBS

ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM, BROTHER OF JESUS AND MARTYR (OCTOBER 23)

*The color for St. James of Jerusalem,
Brother of Jesus and Martyr, is red.*



What to listen for during the service?

In what part of the service do we hear about Jesus' life on earth, that He "was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man"? What else does it tell us about Jesus on earth? What did He do for us? Why do we confess this during the service?

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:54-58

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

54 [A]nd coming to his hometown [Jesus] taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? 55 Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? 56 And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" 57 And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household." 58 And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) In today's reading we hear about Jesus' family on earth. Who was Jesus' mother? Who were his brothers?
- 2) In verse 55, they say that Jesus is "the carpenter's son." While Joseph took care of Jesus and was His father on earth, who was Jesus' real Father?
- 3) Why do the people not want to listen to Jesus in this reading? Where was Jesus?
- 4) Why didn't Jesus do mighty works in His hometown?
- 5) Sometimes it's hard to listen to people who are close to us, like our mom or dad, because we want to be independent and do things ourselves. However, when they are telling us about Jesus we should be sure to listen. Who do you have in your life that tells you about Jesus?

People of the Bible: James of Jerusalem

Today we celebrate the feast of St. James of Jerusalem. But who was James? James of Jerusalem was the brother of Jesus. He was the author of the Epistle James. James did not believe the Gospel Jesus preached at first, but later believed all Jesus proclaimed and eventually became a leader of the Church. James was the leader of the church in Jerusalem when the disciples of Jesus went on their missionary trips, and we hear about James in this role in the book of Acts. He is known as the first bishop of

Jerusalem. We need to keep in mind that Scripture talks about two other important men named James, different than the brother of Jesus. James, the son of Zebedee, was one of Jesus' disciples. He was the older brother of John (also one of the disciples) and was known as James the Greater. We celebrate his feast day on July 25. We also hear about James, the son of Alphaeus, another one of Jesus' disciples. He was often called James the Less, because he was younger than the other disciple named James. We celebrate his feast day on May 1. While James, Jesus' brother, was an unbeliever at first, God's Word worked in him so that he became a believer later and proclaimed the Gospel of Christ to all people. He was also a martyr, which means he died because of his faith in Christ.

HYMN – "By All Your Saints in Warfare"

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- 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 We sing of James, Christ's brother,
Who at Jerusalem
Told how God loved the Gentiles
And, in Christ, welcomed them.
Rejoicing in salvation
May we too, by God's grace,
Extend Christ's invitation
To all the human race.
- 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.