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SOSJ – 6 – The Last Things I: The Last Rites Saturday, December 30, 2023

James 5: 14-15

"Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven."

Questions

- 1. What sacraments are administered in the celebration of the "Last Rites"?
- 2. What is the difference between Anointing of the Sick and Extreme Unction? Who can receive the Anointing of the Sick and how often?
- 3. What is "Viaticum" and why is it the last sacrament to be received? What is the Apostolic Pardon and what are its effects on the one who receives it?
- 4. Many times people hesitate to call the priest when someone is dying because they see it as a speeding process to death. How can we convince them that the presence of the priest for the dying is extremely important to prepare that soul for meeting the Lord and not an "instrument of death"?