

2021-2022 BSP#2 Group Time Discussion

(A) 為查考和認識的題目 Questions for Studying and Understanding (10 minutes)

1. The title “glorious Lord Jesus Christ” (2:1) is used only here in the New Testament. The word “glory” is used in the New Testament to refer to Jesus’ state after his resurrection (see Luke 24:26, John 17:5). Thus the title “glorious Lord Jesus Christ” can be understood as James’ affirmation that Jesus in his heavenly resurrected glory is:

- (a) The Messiah
- (b) The Savior
- (c) God
- (d) As glorious as an angel
- (e) All of the above

「已受光榮的主耶穌基督」這個稱號只在新約這裡使用。「光榮」一詞在新約中用來指耶穌復活後的狀態（見路 24：26，若 17：5）。因此，「已受光榮的主耶穌基督」這個稱號可以理解為雅各伯這樣地肯定耶穌在他天上復活的榮耀，他是：

- (a) 默西亞
- (b) 救世主
- (c) 天主
- (d) 像天使一樣光榮
- (e) 以上所有

2. What does “assembly” in 2:2 refer to?

- (a) A church congregation
- (b) A community gathered for worship and prayer
- (c) A building structure or place used for religious gathering
- (d) A synagogue
- (e) All of the above

2:2 中的「會堂」(assembly)是指什麼？

- (a) 教會會眾
- (b) 聚集在一起敬拜和祈禱的團體
- (c) 用於宗教聚會的建築結構或場所
- (d) 猶太會堂
- (e) 以上所有

(B) 為反思和應用的題目。Reflection and application question (15 minutes)

In 2:1-7, James stressed the need for the Christians to honor the poor. He asked them not to give special treatment to the rich who “oppress you”, “haul you off to court” (2:6b), and “blaspheme the noble name” (2:7). Would the well-to-do people in the early Church of James’ time feel targeted in hearing James’ teaching? Using St. John Paul II’s teaching below, explain why you think they wouldn’t.

It is not wrong to want to live better; what is wrong is a style of life which is presumed to be better when it is directed towards ‘having’ rather than ‘being’ and which wants to have more, not in order to be more but in order to spend life in enjoyment as an end in itself (Centesimus Annus 36).

在 2:1-7 中，雅各伯強調基督徒需要尊重窮人。他要求他們不要特別對待「欺壓你們」、「拉你們上法庭」（2:6b）和「辱罵你們被稱的美名」（2:7）的富人。在雅各伯時代早期教會內的富裕人士是否會因為聽到雅各伯的教導而感到有自己被針對呢？使用下面聖若望保祿二世的教導，解釋為什麼你認為他們不會。

想要更好地生活並沒有錯；錯誤的是當一種生活方式只顧追求“如何擁有”而不顧及“如何存在”的時候；和當人想要擁有更多，不是為了更豐盛的生命，而是為了在享受中度過一生的時候（Centesimus Annus 36）。