A.	Area of Study: Jn 9-10, reference: B5/1-	
В.	Jesus' teachings on natural disasters	Jn 9:1-5,B5/12-13
	☐ Humanity's assumption of natural disasters = punishment given to the sufferer or his/her family by God	Jn 9:2
	□ This misconception has been rejected in the OT	Ezek18:20, Is 53, Lk12:1-5
	<ul><li>This concept is also rejected by Jesus</li><li>Suffering may not necessarily be God's punishment</li></ul>	St. Augustine, City
		<u>of God</u> , 1,8
	<ul> <li>Jesus affirms the value of suffering: as that God's work may be manifested</li> </ul>	Jn 9:3
	☐ God is manifested in Jesus' miracles as well as the conversion of the blind man	Jn9:11, 17, 36, 38
	□ Christians should face suffering with faith and embrace the challenges of	
	suffering with love and forbearance. Thus, converting suffering into opportunities for glorifying God. Let the radiance of Christ's light shine in	
	the darkness – Fr. Eugene Hamilton	A5/4-5
	□ Every innocent sufferer in union with Christ participates in the suffering of Christ and therefore, participates in His redemptive work. In addition, our	0004504 0-14:04
	priestly role reflects the suffering of Mary under that Cross	CCC1521, Col 1:24
C.	Other Significance of Healing the Blind Man	
0.	u "I am the Light of the world" (Jn 9:5): This links to the Feast of	B5/13
	Tabernacles and the image of light ⇒ enlightenment of the soul comes	
	through the Sacrament of Baptism (washing in the Pool of Siloam)  "Clay of the spittle" (Jn 9:6): a visible sign of the invisible grace – John's	
	Gospel's sacramental discourse	
	□ "Word made flesh" works through matter such as water, bread, wine, and	00004000404
	oil. "Eat His flesh and drink His blood" is the only way to eternal life. The use of visible signs is sacramental which does not involve idolatry	CCC2130-2131, 1115
D.	Jesus, the Good Shepherd	Jn 10:1-21,
<b>D</b> .	☐ The background of the image of the Good Shepherd: sheep tend to be foolish; they stray and get lost easily	B5/20-22
	☐ The leaders of Judaism are thieves and hireling who do not care about	Jn 10:7-15, Ezk
	the sheep. God will shepherd His own sheep and lay down His life for them	34:1-31
	□ "They may have life and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10). Through	JPII Letter to
	participation in God's divine nature (2Pet1:4), they may live out the human nature that is glorified and divinized by Jesus	Families #9
	☐ One Sheepfold, One Shepherd ⇒ Elements of holiness and truth exist	LG8, UR3,
	outside of the Church; but these elements originated from Christ's	Mt 16:15-19
	Church. This Church subsists within God's Church, that is, the Church under all the successors of Peter, and those who are in communion with	02-03 BSP #7G
	the Church	
E.	Arianism	Felix
F.	Jesus is God Beyond any Doubt  The Jews want to stone Jesus to death because He called himself God.	Jn 10:30-39
	□ Jesus cited from Psalm 82 to explain that since those who receive the	3.7 13.33 33
	authority to instruct from God are called "gods", it is more logical the	Jn 10:34-36
	"Word", that is Jesus Himself, is God □ Other Biblical references: Col 2:9, Jn 20:28, Jn 1:1, Ph 2:11	B5/23
	"LORD" = KYRIOS (Gk) = YHWH = God	
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