

**Thoughts on the Daily Word**

16<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year. *Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July. St. James Apostle. Readings: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm: 125; Matthew 20:20-28.*

For some reason I always feel sorry for the two apostles in this story, James and John. They do get the cup but not to sit beside him. Most commentators imagine their mother, and her boys, were not listening when he had previously been talking about his coming passion. With my suspicious hat on I rather think that they, who must have known that what Jesus and they were doing was highly risky, were looking to succeed him if he was bumped off! They were after power, always for the best of reasons, just like the rest of us! They probably thought that they could do a better job, just like us! They had to learn the hard way, just like us! They did become servants, like the Paul we read about in the first reading. That is our task too, to be servants of the servants of God, sound familiar!