

SCRIPTURE: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

James 5:13-16 Anointing the sick and confessing sin

Ultimately the text is about prayer, which is a major part of our sacraments. Anointing of the sick incorporates the healing properties of oil as well as prayer. The sacraments in their present form have taken many centuries to develop. While the biblical texts underpin and give essential meaning to our sacramental theology, they do not record the rites as we celebrate them today.

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