

The Temptation of Jesus

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Introduction:

Text: Mark 1:12-13

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“Adversity
introduces a person
to himself.”
-- Albert Einstein

Big Idea: The temptation of Jesus was meant to provide a way for you and me to overcome our enemies who actively work to sabotage our lives.

#1-The temptation reveals Jesus lived his life in _____providing an example for every believer (12)

- Jesus was supernaturally (plan of Father, by Holy Spirit) driven into the wilderness to face temptation.
 - God the Father had a _____
 - God the Holy Spirit “_____” Jesus in wilderness
 - God the Son _____
- After Jesus celebrated the presence of the Trinity in a unique way in the baptism, **He went to spiritual _____.**
- Luke 4:1
- The wilderness was a b_____.
- Understanding temptation:
 - The word “tempted” (peirazo) is a morally neutral term that simply means “to _____.”
 - The testing can be either good or evil depending on the intention of the one devising the test.
 - Important to understand that Satan not God is the _____ (James 1:13)
 - The temptation of Adam & Eve and Jesus were similar BUT VERY DIFFERENT.

#2-Jesus _____ Satan’s temptation. We must learn how to be victorious when we are tempted (Mark 1:13, Matthew 4:1-13, Luke 4:1-12)

- The devil will challenge you not to believe and disobey the _____ of God. (Matthew 4:3-4)
- The devil will challenge you to question God’s _____. (Matthew 4:5-7)
- The devil will challenge you on the _____ of God. (Matthew 4:8-10)

#3-Jesus lived his life battling Satan but God & His messengers ministered to Him. (Mark 1:13)

- When you go through times of testing and temptation, God will always take care of you.
- Satan will always be prowling (Luke 4:13, 1 Peter 5:8-9)

Truth into Action:

#1- As Jesus rested in His identity as the Son of God, we need to rest in our identity as adopted children of God--**know your identity!**

#2- Satan attacked Jesus using the Word of God in Matthew 4:6—**know your Bible!**

#3- Jesus lived His life through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit-**live your life empowered by the Holy Spirit!**

#4- Jesus’ primary weapon in his war against temptation was the sword of the Spirit—**Fight with the Word as your sword!**

CONNECT CARD NEXT STEP:

#1-Ask the biggest question ever—who is your daddy? **Are you part of God's family or Satan's?**

#2-Know your enemy and anticipate his attacks!



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: Is temptation a sin?

- If Jesus was perfect and also equal to God the Father, why do you think He still had to obey or submit?
- What's the most extreme example of Jesus's obedience to the Father?
- Do you think it was hard for Jesus to obey God's commands His way, right away, all the time?
- Do you think you take the devil too seriously or not seriously enough? How does this passage correct your view?
- **Live in Victory: Verses to Memorize to Overcome Specific Temptations**
 - If you struggle with **worry or anxiety** then you could memorize **Philippians 4:6-7**.
 - If you struggle with **fear** you could memorize **Joshua 1:9**.
 - If you struggle with **lust** you could memorize **Philippians 4:8**.
 - If you struggle with **using your words in sinful ways** then you could memorize **Ephesians 4:29**.
- What particular temptation do you face at the moment? How could the truth covered in this sermon help or challenge you when you are tempted to sin? Write it down and ask God to lead you through it.

Closing Prayer: Lead me not in temptation but deliver me from evil. In Jesus' victory-making way I pray, Amen!

Resources:

- R. C. Sproul, The Gospel of Mark
- Life Application Bible Commentary, Mark
- Jason Meyer, Mark for You
- Gaebelien (Ed.), The Expositor's Bible Commentary: Mark
- Tim Keller, Jesus The King

1 Corinthians 10:13
No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.