

The Wilderness Part 2

Luke 4

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

3 The devil said to him, “**If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.**”

4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’ ”

5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 **If you worship me, it will all be yours.**”

8 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’ ”

9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. 10 **For it is written:**

“He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;

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they will lift you up in their hands,

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’ ”

12 Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Vs. 1,2

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Mark 1:12

Immediately **the Spirit drove Him** into the wilderness.

drove: to cast out, drive out, to send out.

? Why would the Word of God say that Jesus was led to, driven by or sent to the wilderness... where for forty days he was tempted by the devil?

When Jesus prayed in **Matthew 6**

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

10

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as *it is* in heaven.

11

Give us this day our daily bread.

12

And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

13

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

Let's take a look at what happened in the Wilderness and compare it to what happened in the beginning with Adam and Eve...

Genesis 2

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Genesis 3

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

4 "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 When the woman saw that **the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye**, and also **desirable for gaining wisdom**, she took some and ate it.

Eve was Tempted in 3 Ways

1st Temptation - The fruit was good for food

2nd Temptation - Pleasing to the eyes

3rd Temptation - Desirable for gaining wisdom (*Temptation to Question God*)

- “You will not surely die”

- “Your eyes will be opened”

- “You will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

1st Temptation of Jesus

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3rd Temptation of Jesus - (*Temptation to Question God*)

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- **Jesus, like Adam came in Flesh...**
- **Jesus, like Adam had Authority from God...**
- **Jesus, like Adam was God’s Servant...**

So Why was Jesus Driven by the Holy Spirit into the Wilderness?

Isaiah 52:13

See, my servant will act wisely;

he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

- The Jesus in the Wilderness was the Great Comeback of all time...
- It was a rewind the tape moment...
- To revisit the place where Adam lost the battle...
- Jesus was God's 4000 year in the making Come Back...
- This was the start over point...

Was it for us? Yes...

Was it necessary for the redemption of mankind? Absolutely...

But I believe Jesus shutting the Devil down was to Bless the Heart of God the Father...

Isaiah 52:13

See, my servant will act wisely;

Oh how it must have please the Heart of God to have a Faithful Servant...

This is the Revelation:

We see what Adam did as Disobedience...

What God saw was Adam was Unfaithful...

A Servant is Faithful

A Friend is Faithful

A Companion is Faithful

Adam walked away separated from the presence and blessing of God...

But God walked away with a broken heart...

God lost a Friend...

God lost a Companion...

Jesus being tempted in the Wilderness was God was saying:
Jesus before you do your first Miracle...
Before you Heal one Person...
Before you calm one Story...
Before you raise one person from the dead...
Will you do something for me?
Go back to the place where my heart was broken...
The place where I lost Adam & Eve...
The place where I lost my dream...
My dream of companionship with my creation...
Show the Devil I have a Faithful & Obedient Servant...

Philippians 2

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Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

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Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7

rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a **servant**,
being made in human likeness.

8

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself

by becoming **obedient** to death—
even death on a cross!

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Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

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that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11

and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Romans 5

19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

1 John 2:16

16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.