



**Bible study for the week starting March 1, 2020
The Real Jesus: Conviction Forged in Struggle**

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- 1. Did anyone give up any “temptations” for Lent? How’s that going? What are some things that help you resist the items you’re denying yourself? When have you found you’re most likely to “cheat”?**

READ

- 2. Read Genesis 3:1-21. You’ve heard/read this story a million times, but does anything new stick out? What was the tactic of the serpent in the garden, and what made Adam and Eve susceptible to temptation?**
- 3. Read Romans 5:12-19. The contrast is between the sin we have all inherited from Adam and the obedience that is shown in the life of Jesus Christ. When it comes to the topic of temptation, what strength is there in both the “abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness” that reign in us?**
- 4. Read Matthew 4:1-11. Jesus has been described as “Israel reduced to one,” as in, where God’s people throughout history have shown themselves to be weak in the face of temptation, Jesus remained faithful. What lessons can you learn from how Jesus responded to Satan’s tricks and lies?**

PRAY FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER!

- 5. We often pray, “lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” Pray for the strength of Jesus in what you’re facing, and for the support of fellow believers in persevering – with conviction – through our struggles.**



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Matthew 4:1-11

March 1, 2020 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

Conviction is a combination of **COMMITMENT** to a cause and the **COURAGE** to act upon it.

“IT IS WRITTEN.”

Jesus is neither a **WEAKLING** nor a **KILL-JOY**.

Responding to temptation:

1. Jesus recognized **SCRIPTURE** as God-breathed **TRUTH**.
2. Jesus committed Himself to Scripture as a **PATTERN** for His way of **THINKING**.
3. Jesus had the courage to properly **APPLY** that truth to His **LIFE**.

Conviction means you have the courage to apply truth to your actual **WORDS** and **ACTIONS**.

The only way to know the true measure of a soldier is through **BATTLE-TESTING**.

Q: What does “conviction” look like in my life?