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The JESUS way

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THE WAY OF THE WILDERNESS - LUKE 4:1-13

Wilderness in the Bible: A place of Temptation, _____, _____, _____, and Struggle.

JESUS BEFORE THE WILDERNESS

“¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.” ~ LUKE 4:1 (NIV)

The Baptism of Jesus: A Time of _____.

“²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.’”

~ LUKE 3:21-22 (NIV)

A FATHER'S AFFIRMATION

- “You are my Son” _____ Identity
- “Whom I Love” _____ Affection
- “I am well pleased” _____ Pride
- “Listen to Him” (Luke 9:35) _____ Accomplishment

JESUS IN THE WILDERNESS

“¹ 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.”

~ LUKE 4:1-2 (NIV)

• Jesus led into the Wilderness by _____.

“Very few people believe in the devil these days, which suits the devil very well. Satan has very little trouble with those who do not believe in him; they are already on his side.”

~ FULTON SHEEN

• Jesus tempted by _____.

IMPORTANT BACKGROUND AND COMPARISONS

- Adam and Eve Tempted in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3)
- Israelites Wander in the Wilderness for 40 Years

“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.”

~ 1 JOHN 2:16 (NIV)

Jesus shows us you can come through the wilderness with _____.

“¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”

~ 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 (NIV)

“⁷ Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

~ JAMES 4:7 (NIV)

THREE TEMPTATIONS IN THE WILDERNESS:

1. The Lust of the Flesh

“ ^{2b} ...At the end of (40 Days) he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.’” ~ LUKE 4:2b-3 (NIV)

- Satan Attacks Jesus’ _____ .
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- Jesus is tempted to satisfy a God-given appetite in an ungodly way.

Jesus’ Response

“ ⁴ It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”
~ LUKE 4:4 (NIV)

2. The Pride of Life

“ 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.”
~ LUKE 4:5-7 (NIV)

Pride causes me to say: _____ , or _____ .

Jesus’ Response

“ ⁸ It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” ~ LUKE 4:8 (NIV)

3. Lust of the Eyes

“ 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; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”
~ LUKE 4:9-11 (NIV)

Jesus’ Response

“ 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.”
~ LUKE 4:12-13 (NIV)

JESUS AFTER THE WILDERNESS

Jesus’ _____ and _____ in the wilderness lead to a greater strength in his ministry, mission and _____ .

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

COMMUNITY GROUP VIDEOS *available on the APP* |    

- 1 - When (and what) did you first learn about the Devil? Do you remember how that made you feel? In what ways has your understanding of the Devil changed over time?
- 2 - Do a quick reading of Luke 4:1-13, Romans 7:21-25 and James 1:13-16. How would you explain to a ten year old why a person does something wrong?
- 3 - Read Luke 3:20-22. What would it have been like to be in the crowd on that day? In what ways is God the Father an example to us of how we should speak about our children, grandchildren or other people in general?
- 4 - Review Luke 4:1-13. Jesus experiences three different temptations. What is unique about each different temptation. Which of these do you see as the most difficult and why?
- 5 - If Satan had three shots at you, what three temptations would he use?
- 6 - Jesus quotes Scripture as the core of his strategy to defeat temptation. What has been helpful to you in standing firm against temptation and sin?
- 7 - Read Luke 4:14-19. Do you see a correlation between Jesus’ success in the wilderness and his effectiveness in ministry?

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