



OVERCOME TEMPTATION // LUKE 4:1-12

1. Temptation is something all of us face. As you think about temptation, what's the first thing that comes to mind and why?
2. The temptation of Jesus is told in 3 of the 4 gospels. (Lk 4:1-12, Mt 4:1-11, & Mk 1:12-13). Read each version. What stands out in terms of the similarities and differences?
3. Verse 1 is interesting. Jesus was "full of the Spirit" and "led by the Spirit" yet he still ended up in the wilderness to be tempted "by the devil." What does this tell us about the nature of temptation? (Are we tempted by God? Can you be full of the Holy Spirit and still end up having to deal with temptation? Find biblical answers to these questions!)
4. Jesus was also fasting during this season of his life. Many of you may be coming off of the 21-day fast we've done as a church. Do temptations get stronger or weaker when fasting? Why do you think this is? How might fasting help when dealing with temptation?
5. Look at the first temptation. How would you summarize it? What did Jesus do to resist this temptation? What does that teach us about handling this type of temptation today?
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8. What do these temptations and Jesus' response show us about the nature of Jesus's life on the earth and eventual death on the cross? Does that shape our view of temptation?
9. What do you think Satan was trying to accomplish through these temptations? What about in your life? What does he try to accomplish through tempting us today? Spend time praying as a group that you'll be able to successfully resist temptation.