

Jesus and His Temptations

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SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS

Welcome

- 1) Can you recall a time when you were really, really hungry? If so, why were you so hungry and what did you finally get to eat?
- 2) What tempts you the most: cake, pie, ice cream, or chocolate in any form? Why?

Word

Read Mark 1:12-13

- 1) What are the problems with not taking the humanity of Jesus seriously enough? What would a denial of the real humanity of Jesus say about his temptations?
- 2) What do you imagine the temptations of Jesus were like for him? What was his mental state during that time? What was his emotional reaction like?

Read Matthew 4:1-11

- 1) How do you imagine the devil came to Jesus?
- 2) What did Jesus teach the day after he fed the multitudes? (See John 6:22-58) What does this say about bread?
- 3) Why is the temptation to turn stones into bread a temptation to compromise the Kingdom of God?
- 4) Doesn't it seem that our gospel message would have more weight if God made himself more obvious? Why or why not?
- 5) Why is the pursuit of miracles as a spectacle bad for your soul?
- 6) How does Jesus performing miracles as a spectacle compromise the Kingdom of God?
- 7) How does bowing down and worshipping the Satan and the Satanic ways of ruling the world through violent power compromise the Kingdom of God?
- 8) Why was it necessary for Jesus to overcome these three temptations?

Work

- 1) How does the example of Jesus and his temptation help you in battling your own temptations?
- 2) What can you do to say no to the devil?

Worship

- 1) Psalm for the Day - Sun: 53 / Mon: 54 / Tue: 55 / Wed: 56 / Thu: 57 / Fri: 58 / Sat: 59
- 2) Pray for each other