



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Jesus and the Devil's Good Ideas || Pastor Brian Zahnd || March 10, 2019

1. What were your childhood images of God and the devil?
2. How have these images changed over the years?

Read Luke 4:1-13

3. Why would the devil tempt Jesus with good ideas and not bad ideas?
4. What is the problem with working for justice without God?
5. What drives the popularity of the phrase, “I’m spiritual but not religious”?
6. Pastor Brian said, “*The Unvarnished Jesus cannot be reduced to a spokesperson for a preferred ism. Jesus will not be the poster boy for progressive activism or conservative militarism. Jesus has his own agenda—it’s just and peaceable, but most of all it worships God.*” Why do we continue to give into the temptation to force Jesus to serve our agenda instead of surrendering ourselves to his?
7. How does the presence of doubt make room for faith?
8. In what ways does the light of Jesus help us sort out the good ideas from the bad ideas?
9. What “good ideas” are temptations for you?
10. What can you do to resist those temptations?