

Sunday 13th March 2022

Luke 4:1-13 New International Version - UK

Jesus is tested in the wilderness

4 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.

3 The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.'

4 Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone."'

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 splendour; 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.'

8 Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."'

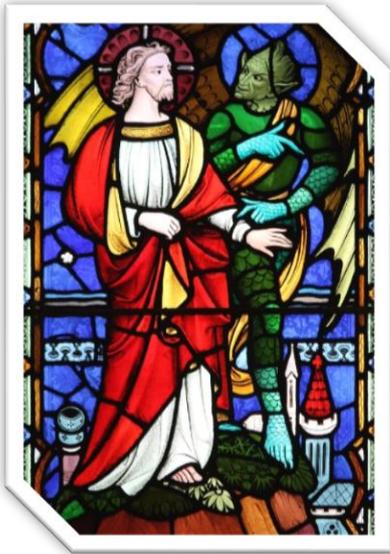
9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down from here. **10** For it is written:

"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."

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.



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“Christ’s time of temptation in the wilderness forged the steadfastness of his resolve as both human and divine. The testing that we experience in our lives, usually only reveals the frailty of our humanity as we fail and unable to overcome.”

Lent is a time to test our resolve to trust in that which matters most

1. How do the images help you understand the message of the passage?
2. How does the message apply to our living as followers of Jesus?
3. What might you need to change in how you live because of the challenge from the passage?
4. How has God helped you in the past to overcome temptation? ... How does that help you face tomorrow?
5. What will you do different because of what we have spoken of today?... Who will you tell?

During the week reflect on this passage
before we meet on: Sunday 20th March 2022

Luke 13:31-35

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Jesus' sorrow for Jerusalem

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, 'Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.'

³² He replied, 'Go and tell that fox, "I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal." ³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day – for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

³⁴ 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."'

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1. What stands out for you?
2. How does this passage relate to your everyday experience?
3. What persecution or ridicule have you faced / do you face for your faith?
4. How has God helped you to overcome and to turn persecution around?

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Reflections Through Lent Encouraging Us To
Live With A CHRIST LIKE Perspective