

Tempted, Part 1 **Mark 1:12-13**

The Bible: Reality, Not Fantasy

- When we open the Bible, the story we are reading is unvarnished truth and unembellished reality. John 17:17, "Your Word is truth."

Jesus: A Real Human, Not A Mythological Figure

- Jesus is not a god—or even like God; He is God. Jesus is not like a human—He is human (Hebrews 2:14; Luke 2:52).
- Don't allow the undiminished deity of Jesus to subtract from the real humanity of Jesus (Hebrews 4:15-16).

The Confrontation

- It happens in an unexpected way—the _____ drives Jesus into the wilderness.
- It happens at an unexpected time—immediately following Jesus' _____.
- There's a connection between _____ Jesus is tempted and _____ Jesus is tempted:
 1. To highlight the fact that spiritual highs are often followed by intense _____.
 2. Satan is going to _____ what God has just said at Jesus' baptism.
- The temptation that is meant for _____ is also an event in which God is working for your _____—when you take the way of escape.
 1. Saying "no" is how you _____.
 2. You say "no" by saying "yes" to the way of _____ that God has provided.

The Location

- Adam is tempted in a garden—and fails. Jesus is tempted in a wilderness—and _____.

The Duration

- Jesus endures 24/7 temptation for 40 days—while _____.
- We are most prone to temptation when we're hungry and tired—when it isn't a one-and-done thing; it's an unrelenting, everyday thing. Jesus doesn't just know what that _____ feel like; He knows what that _____ feel like.

The Isolation

- Jesus is without human encouragement and without human help. That's how He faces the enemy here because that's how He will conquer the enemy at the cross—_____.
- The Father loves His Son, and so He dispatches _____ to minister to His Son.

The Application

- The devil would love to convince you that your temptations are a sign that God has _____ you and ditched you, but no ...
- Your temptations are a reminder that '_____.'
- God is there for you, loving you by building that offramp for you. Jesus is there with you—giving grace to you.