



Jesus: Our Example for Life's Wilderness

Luke 4:1-13

- 1) Tests & temptations are part of life
 - a) We test God demanding things contrary to faith (revealing our unbelief)
 - b) We're tested by God to reveal what's in our hearts
 - c) We're tempted by Satan to sin
 - d) We tempt ourselves by our own lusts
- 2) The Tempter, Satan, is a literal being
 - a) Rules man's world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; 2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2)
 - b) A liar & the father of lies (John 8:44)
 - c) Knows Jesus is the Son of God
 - d) Seizes every moment; always present w/ vital people
 - e) Wants us to distrust God's love, plan, & word
 - f) Promises we will reign, yet he disqualifies us
 - g) Tempts us w/ shortcuts that lead to death
- 3) The Spirit guides us to fellowship; Satan seeks to interrupt
- 4) In the wilderness there is suggestion, delight, & consent
- 5) Man fills his belly but neglects his soul
- 6) Without Scripture there is no sword for battle (Eph 6:17)
- 7) God ordains our trials, so let us praise Him in their midst