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Week 8 – THE TEMPTATION IN THE WILDERNESS (Luke 4:1-13, pp. 59-65)

After His Baptism, Jesus spends 40 days in the wilderness where He fasts and is tempted by the Devil. Matthew says Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. Mark uses a stronger word. The Spirit “drove” Him into the wilderness.

Why would the Holy Spirit drive Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted? _____

What is the significance of Jesus’ 40 days in the wilderness? _____

The Gospels indicate that Jesus was tempted throughout the 40 days, not just at the end of those 40 days. The temptations described in the reading for this week are the final temptations, likely representative of the whole of Jesus’ 40 day ordeal.

Describe the temptations and their purpose.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Read Genesis 3:1-7. Note the craftiness of the serpent and the tactic he uses to tempt Eve and Adam. **How does the devil employ a similar tactic when he tempts Jesus?** _____

How does Jesus respond to the temptations? _____

Read Romans 5:12-21. Compare the “work” of Adam with the work of Christ. What did each do and what was the result for humanity?

Adam: _____

Christ: _____

Read John 17:1-12 and Hebrews 4:15.

How does the righteousness of Jesus Christ have such a profound effect (to make us alive and righteous before God)? _____

We live in “a culture that preys on our doubts, insecurities, and loneliness...it celebrates sinful indulgence, mocking restraint and moral values...and our own sinful nature torments us with desires that are so strong and attractive.” (CFM, p65)

What does Jesus’ response to temptation teach us about facing temptation ourselves? _____

For Next Time:

Week 9 – THE BEGINNING of JESUS’ GALILEAN MINISTRY (Mt. 4:12-17, pp. 67-73)