

## **JESUS TEMPTED & TRUE** Matt.4:1-11 *Jesus' Suffering Ministry* 3-19-17

Why does Jesus ministry begin in the wilderness?

Greatly blessed in baptism & prepared, greatly tested in temptation!

### **1. THE TEST OF BEING TEMPTED**

Test: Prove you're solid w/ God! Tempt: Split you away from God!

#### **\* Tempted in Weakness**

~ Do I trust Father? Am I unique Son of God & pleasing to him?

Written: Words God speaks give life

#### **\* Tempted in Strength**

~ Perverse use of Word: do I trust in **God's** promises?

Written: Don't manipulate God! Trust doesn't require proof!

#### **\* Tempted in Love for God Jn3:16 World**

~ Bow & bargain with the devil to do your work.

Written: Highest love = Worship God & serve only him.

~ Jesus leads us to be faithful & true to our God. Grace is our victory!

*Jesus learns obedience thru what he suffers Hbr.5:8*

### **2. JESUS SUFFERS TO OBEY**

#### **\* Endures Suffering for Us**

~ Very hungry ... Vulnerable to doubt ... Goes to agony of the cross!

#### **\* Stay Close To Jesus!**

~ Grateful for Grace **Hbr.2:18**

~ Incarnate the Word like Jesus! Story of Routines

**H.C.#123(p.114)** "*Your Kingdom Come*" Rule us by your Word & Spirit

We hold the Word of Jesus' baptism in ours: Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

***See page 2 for more reflections on Jesus' suffering***

## **Jesus Suffers Temptations For Us**

Read & reflect together on the Word as a family throughout the week.

### **Matthew 4:1      Jesus – Spirit - Devil**

1. What is each of these characters doing in our story?
2. What test have you encountered to prove you trust God solidly?
3. What temptation have you recently faced & how did you respond?
4. Which temptation seems most legitimate? Most shrewd?  
Which one is most basic to all of them?

### **Matthew 4:2-4      Jesus Tempted in His Hunger**

1. What is physically most tempting for you to compromise with God?
2. How does God's Word give you strength to remain true to him?

### **Matthew 4:5-7      Jesus Tempted with Scripture**

1. What is an example of someone or you misusing Scripture?
2. How do you keep God's Word in you so he can speak to you daily?

### **Matthew 4:8-10      Jesus Tempted with His Ministry**

1. When does doing something "good" for God become your God?
2. How do you cultivate your love for God to motivate all your choices?

### **Matthew 4:11      Jesus Receives Ministry from God**

1. Is the devil done with Jesus when he leaves? Is he ever done with us?  
Ephesians 6:10-13
2. Tho Jesus didn't force his Father to save him with angels, he sends them to help Jesus. Thank the Father for his faithfulness to you.
3. Tho Jesus didn't miraculously "make bread from stones", his Father did provide the food he needed. Thank God for providing all you need.