

Title: From the Jordan to the Desert to the Cross: A Lenten Reflection on Identity and Temptation

Text: Luke 4:1-13

Series: Lent 2017

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Introductory Comments: Pray for the Spirit's guidance and illumination (that he turns on the light). Read Luke 3:21-23, and 4:1-13

Questions:

1. Why do you think Satan tempts Jesus right after his baptism? Does the timing matter? Is it strategic?
2. Why do you think the baptism of Jesus kick-starts his ministry? What happens at his baptism that his ministry fruitfulness requires?
3. What do all three temptations have in common? Or, what do all three temptations see to accomplish? Or, what falsehoods are
4. Can you identify how Satan's tactics with Jesus are similar to his tactics with you? How so?
5. How did Jesus resist temptation? How does his strategy for resistance instruct us in our fight of faith?
6. What is your current relationship with the scriptures? Could this Lent be an opportunity to make some priority adjustments in relationship to Jesus and the priority of his Word in your life? Or...
7. If you were in worship on Sunday, was there something from the sermon or service that spoke to you directly. How will you follow up on that this week?