

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- FAMILY FUN

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ANGELS	FORTY	POWER
ATE	GLORY	SPIRIT
BREAD	HUNGRY	STONE
COMMAND	JERUSALEM	TEMPTATION
DASH	JESUS	TEST
DEPARTED	JORDAN	WORSHIP
DEVIL	KINGDOMS	
FOOT	PARAPET	

Catechizing Corner!

In Luke's gospel, the temptation in the desert serves as a story of encouragement.

Christians were to be heartened by Jesus' victory over Satan's temptation. They were to learn how to recognize temptation and how to overcome it. Jesus was empowered by the Spirit. He would be tempted, but the Spirit who empowered him gave him the strength to overcome temptation. The Spirit would do the same for the church. Jesus was victorious over Satan's allure because of his understanding and use of the scriptures, and because he was led by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit prompted Jesus and provided the scriptures that Jesus needed to combat his enemy.

Jesus was understood as the *New Adam*. At the creation of the world, God created Adam, his son. Adam was the one with whom God began his mission of salvation. Jesus, the *New Adam*, was understood as the Son of God and the One who would complete God's saving mission. We are to view this story in light of all of God's saving actions since the creation of the world.

Satan wished to throw Jesus' discernment about his mission off balance. He wanted to trick him and confuse him. He mistranslated scripture in the hopes of "instilling a false understanding of what it means to be the Son of God who is anointed with the Spirit. The devil tempted Jesus to falsely use his power as well as to misunderstand his mission. The event asserts Jesus' growth in wisdom regarding the mission he was destined to fulfill.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook, Cycle C Paulist Press, 1998

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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

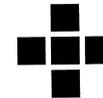
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
Luke 4:1-13

Faith Sharing
Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, One does not live on bread alone." Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glo-

ry; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you **worship** me."

Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the **parapet** of the temple, and said to him "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

To **worship** means to bow down in prayer and praise as if to God.

A **parapet** is a ledge along a rooftop like the place where soldiers would stand on top of a

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: What things best help you open yourself to God's presence?

Teens: Have you ever been lured into sin by something or someone?

Children: How do you most like to pray? When is a good time for you to pray?

Families: As a family talk about how your household might pray through Lent.

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives. Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure. Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Gospel Glossary

To **tempt** means to try to persuade a person to do something that is not good.