

The Story - Chapter 23

Jesus' Ministry Begins
3.4.18
Matthew 3:13-4:11

The baptism of Jesus [Matthew 3:13-17]

1 John 3:8, The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

The temptation of Jesus [Matthew 4:1-11]

2 Corinthians 2:11, ...in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

How Satan schemes against us...

- 1) He attacks us in our weak spots.
- 2) He uses visuals to entice us.
- 3) He doesn't quit easily, but keeps raising his game.

Jesus modeled for us how to combat temptation:

- o Prepared through prayer
- o Armed with the Word of God

Psalm 119:11, I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You.

Hebrews 4:14-16, Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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