



Sermon: First Temptation
Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11
Date: March 5, 2023

1. **Sunday Summary:** This Sunday we looked at the three temptations of Jesus in the wilderness. We noticed the different ways in which the devil tempts us to look to things other than God for **Sustenance**, and how he tempts us to **Spectacle**, and **Shortcuts**. In light of this we see Christ's responses to temptation, how they're rooted in **Scripture**, how Jesus's resistance **Saves** us, and how it leads us to **Service** and worship of the living God.

2. **Connecting Questions: (Interactive, life sharing, thought & feeling type stuff)**

- Which of the three temptations most resonated with you and what you struggle with? Why?

- Which of the ways Jesus resisted temptation most resonates with you? And why?

- What is something Pastor Erik shared that you hadn't thought of before? Why do you think it jumps out at you particularly?

3. **Truth Questions: (What does the Bible say?)**

- Read Hebrews 4:14-16 out loud – What jumps out at you from this passage?

- Do you believe that Jesus was tempted in EVERY way that we are? What comfort does that bring?

- Why is it—according to the text--that we can approach God’s throne with boldness? Do you have boldness in your prayer life?

4. Formation Questions: (Taking it further, How does the Truth change the way I live?)

- How can Christ’s temptation by the Devil give you boldness in your prayer life?
- How do you see Christ’s *resistance* to the Devil on your behalf changing the way you live your life?
- How does knowing that Jesus conquered sin and the devil lead you to worship and service of God?
- How can you live in light of God’s victory over Satan this week?

