

ROGUE MESSIAH

Getting to Know Jesus & Love Him

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Debrief Plan: 2/2/2020

Put To The Test, Pt. 1

Matthew 4:1-11

Introduction: After watching the heights and glory of Jesus's Baptism, you might just be surprised to know what comes next...

How Did Jesus Fight Temptation?

▪ BEFORE the Temptation

⇒ He had learned to say "NO" to his normal human APPETITES. (4:2)

⇒ He had intentionally grounded Himself in God's TRUTH. (4:4, 7, 10)

Conclusion: Jesus left nothing to chance – He knew that some battles could be won before they started by being properly prepared for them. Are YOU prepared to win yours?

Icebreakers:

1. What is the funniest TV commercial that you have ever seen? Have you ever purchased the product that it was advertising?
2. Were you a good test-taker in school? How did you prepare for a test?

Sermon Summary: Jesus suffered through the temptations He faced, but He was fully faithful to His Father. He prepared for these temptations years before they happened by learning to say "no" to his normal human desires and by grounding Himself in God's truth. He can help us have victory too if we are willing to prepare as He prepared.

Discussion Questions:

*Learning to Say "No" to Normal Human Appetites

1. Do we humans usually eliminate something that could be harmful to us because we choose to, or because we HAVE to? Why is that?
2. What are examples of some "normal" human appetites that we might need to learn to say "no" to for the same reasons that Jesus did?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-15. How can you know if you've become "dominated" by something, even something good?
4. What should you do if you discover that you've become "dominated" by something, even something good? Where can you start, at least?
5. What do you suppose it looks like to be your own Master? How can you tell when your "no" to pleasure is becoming excessive and unbalanced?

*Intentionally Grounding Ourselves in God's Truth

6. There are a LOT of ways these days to take in God's Truth - what are some of the most helpful ways for you? The least helpful? What makes the difference, do you think?
7. The excuses for not grounding ourselves in God's truth are legion...what are some of the most common ones that Christians like us find ourselves using?
8. Try this exercise as a group...let's assume that a common temptation for many of us is to use harsh, unkind, unloving words when we are in the middle of an argument with someone we know. What lies does Satan disguise in that temptation that he wants you to accept? What truths from God's Word could you call to mind IN THE MOMENT to combat those lies with Truth?
9. When was the last time you purposely memorized a Bible verse/passage? How was your experience? Have you ever used the verse in a time of need?