

ROGUE MESSIAH

Getting to Know Jesus & Love Him

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In the Heat of the Moment

Matthew 4:1-11

Introduction: Jesus had prepared himself to win the battle before it started, but He also had a plan of attack for the Temptation itself.

How Did Jesus Fight Temptation?

▪ DURING the Temptation (4:3-10)

⇒ He identified the LIE hidden in the temptation.

⇒ He found the corresponding TRUTH he needed.

⇒ He declared ALLEGIANCE to the Truth.

⇒ He WAITED for God to SATISFY Him. (4:11)

Conclusion: Jesus ached the tests Satan put in front of Him because He had a plan and stuck with it. Are you ready to follow His example?

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Debrief Plan: 2/9/2020

Icebreakers:

1. If you had to repeat the same day over & over, which day would you choose?
2. Do you consider yourself a planner or someone who is more spontaneous?
Give evidence to support your answer! Would your best friend agree?

Sermon Summary: Jesus had a plan to handle temptation in the heat of the moment – he identified the lie, confronted it with God's truth, and then declared his allegiance to the truth. Ultimately, God satisfied his needs at the right time. If we are willing, we can begin to experience that same kind of success as we follow His example.

Discussion Questions:

*Identify the Lie in the Temptation

1. Pastor Toby identified some common lies that often hide inside of the temptations we face. What lies do YOU often face that you'd add to the list?
2. We Americans are very focused on protecting our rights (and rightly so). Can this mindset damage us when it comes to fighting temptation? If so, how?
3. What would need to happen for us as Christians to help each other identify the lies that we face in our temptations?

*Find the Corresponding Truth

4. What do you think is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?
What's the best way to get knowledge? What's the best way to gain wisdom?

*Declare Your Allegiance to the Truth

5. Why do you think we are so prone to know the truth but not allow it to affect our choices in a temptation? Is there any way out of that trap?
6. Why do we have such a hard time trusting that God knows what is best, and that God has good intentions towards us?

*Wait for God to Satisfy You

7. Have you ever had an experience of emptiness or suffering while waiting for satisfaction from God? How did the situation turn out for you?
8. Why is it so hard to wait? What questions pop into our minds the longer that we have to wait for satisfaction from God?
9. How can we help each other as brothers & sisters while we wait for God?
10. Read Heb. 4:15-16. What has "mercy" and "grace to help" looked like in your time of need?