

Jesus Was Tempted

Matthew 4: 1 – 13



Key Concept

Like Jesus, we can turn to scripture to help us resist temptation.

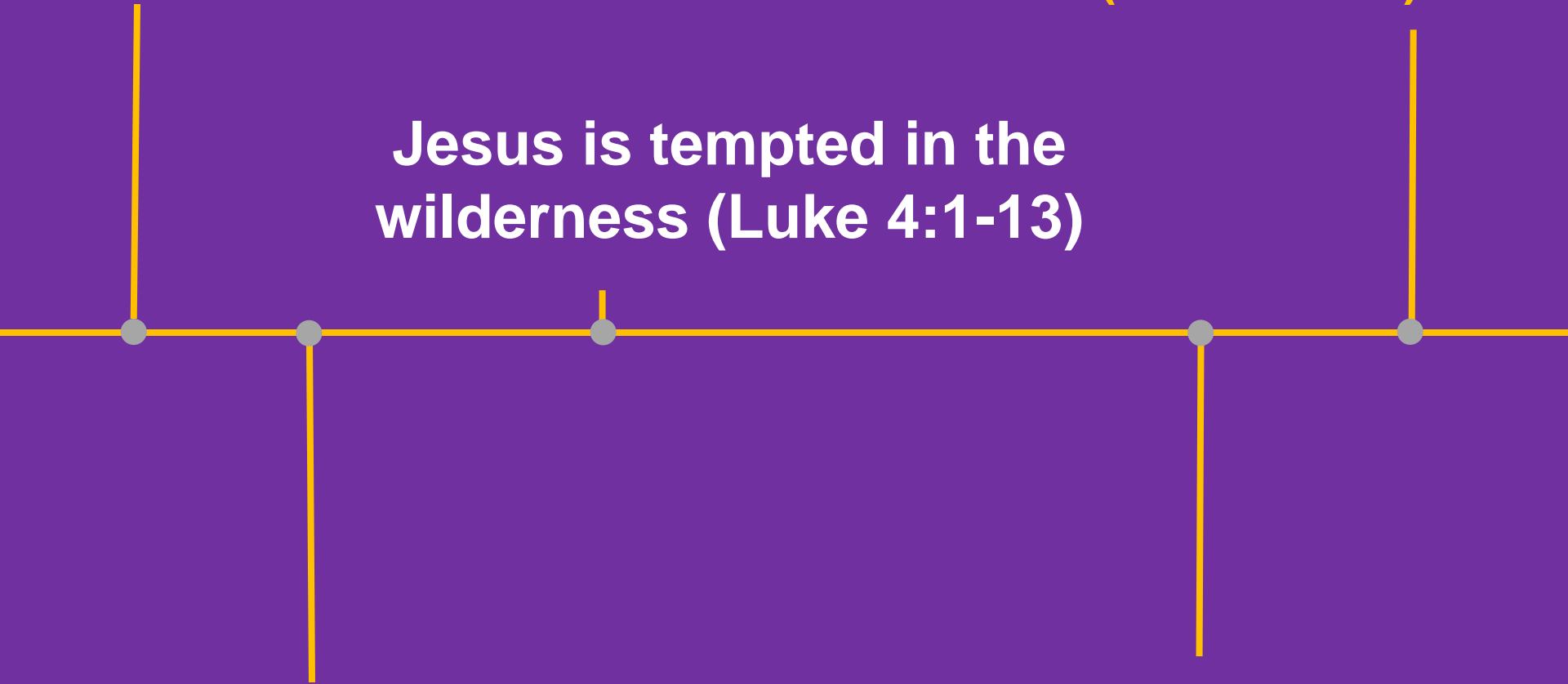
John the Baptist calls people to repentance in preparation for Jesus (Matt 3:1-12)

Jesus performs His first miracle at the wedding in Cana (John 2:1-11)

Jesus is tempted in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13)

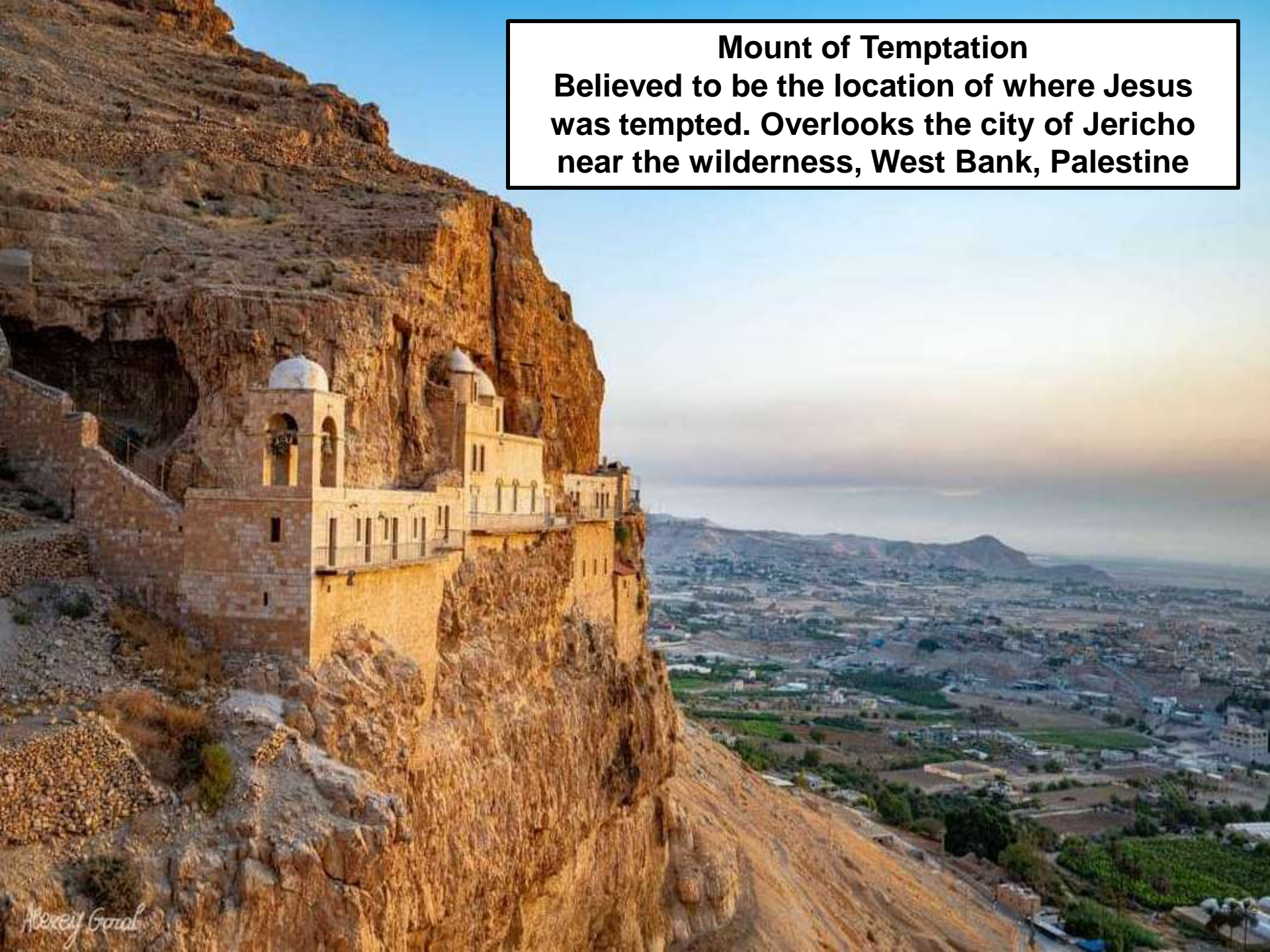
John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan River (Matt 3:13-17)

Jesus calls disciples to follow Him (John 1:35-51)

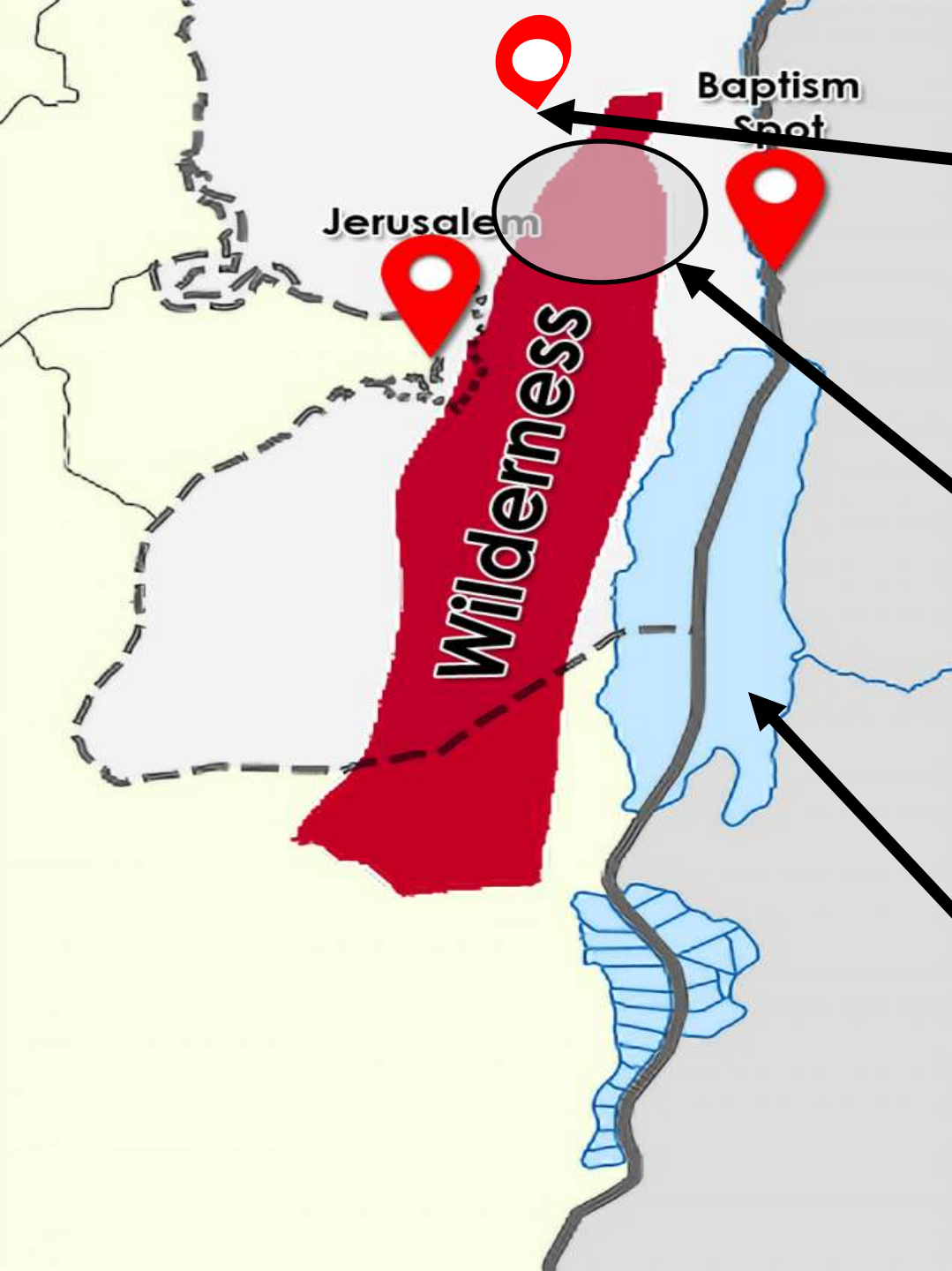


Mount of Temptation

Believed to be the location of where Jesus was tempted. Overlooks the city of Jericho near the wilderness, West Bank, Palestine







Jerusalem

Baptism Spot

Wilderness

Jericho

Mount of Temptation

Dead Sea

•What three techniques did the devil use to tempt Jesus ?

1) His human hunger (Lust of the flesh)

2) His status to save Himself (Pride of life)

3) His desire for wealth/power (Lust of the eyes)

•What significant detail does Luke describe about this event that is not mentioned in the other gospels?

“Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.” (Luke 4:13)

•What are some similarities with this event and the Israelites wandering?

- 1) 40 Years Israelites / 40 days Jesus**
- 2) Both were in the wilderness**
- 3) Both were at the mercy of God to see them through their trials (Hunger & Provision)**
- 4) Israel tested God by questioning His presence, Satan tested Jesus with temptation**

•(T/F) Jesus quoted scripture from three of the books of the Torah during temptation.

False – Jesus only quoted from Deuteronomy.

•Why did Jesus only quote from Deuteronomy during His temptation?

The book highlights Israel's disobedience and failure to trust God in the wilderness.

•What is probably the most significant irony of this event?

•The Devil quotes the Bible to the author

•The Devil knows the Bible better than most

•The Devil rejects the truth of the very thing he uses to tempt Jesus