



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

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Take your Pulse

What wild places have you been to that you have enjoyed the most?

When did you feel lost in a wild place and how were you found?

Today's Reading

Luke Chapter 4

Luke tells us the story of Jesus sent out into the wilderness, and we expect in wild places for there to be temptations and struggles. But he returns to his hometown and faces temptations and struggles there, too. He is tempted by his friends and neighbors to heal them and perform great miracles for them. But just as Jesus resisted the devil in the wilderness by quoting scripture and proverbs, here to in Nazareth, Jesus resists the temptations and quotes scripture and proverbs. Jesus is then free to move on to the places where his ministry shifts away from resisting temptation and into an exercise of demonstrating what the Kingdom of God is all about, healing and proclaiming Good News.



Start the Thinking

“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” This was spoken by an unclean spirit that lived inside a man Jesus would heal. The unclean spirit was afraid of Jesus. How might people today express their fear of Jesus?



Conversing with God

O Holy God, when faced with temptation, your Son always had the right thing to say. We are afraid we do not always have the right thing to say when confronted with our own temptations. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may trust the Spirit to speak for and through us as we learn to resist all that takes us away from you. In Jesus' holy name we pray, Amen.



Be blessed

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.