

The Temptations of Christ (with other materials from Luke's Gospel)

Series: The Gospel of Mark

A. Temptation #1 – stones to bread

- 1) You have the _____; use your power for yourself for once; turn those stones to bread, then relax and be satisfied
- 2) What would you think of God, if God routinely used his power to satisfy, pacify, or even entertain himself?
- 3) Jesus rejecting the temptation to turn stones to bread matters because it says, God doesn't use his power to _____, entertain, or do anything else for himself. And beyond this, it says that there is not one single bit of selfishness, ego, self-centeredness, or narcissism in the God we worship.
- 4) The God we worship portrays himself as being, of all things, humble- humble and self-sacrificing, never putting himself above anyone else. Even to the point of death, he always gave of himself to help other people out

B. Temptation #2 – Gain all the world through worship of Satan

- 1) Jesus "ruling over" the kingdom was not the issue, rather it was the fact that Jesus had to _____ something for that kingdom to be established; and that was go through his impending betrayal, pain, suffering, and crucifixion
- 2) Satan says, "Jesus, if you worship me, then you can bypass all the pain and agony of your betrayal, the scourging, and your crucifixion; in fact, you can bypass _____ altogether"
- 3) A primary reason behind *why* Jesus would suffer, was to show us how much God loves us; He suffered *because* of God's love for you and me
- 4) At least one reason Jesus chose to suffer, is because He *knew* you or your loved ones and all kinds of other people would suffer too. He wanted you to know that He understands how it feels; He wanted you to know that He _____ with you when it feels like your heart is being ripped out; He wanted you to know that He has walked in your shoes when you hurt.
- 5) POINT! - *everyone* suffers in this life, even _____
 - a) in this, Jesus understood that there are logical, foundational reasons *why* there is suffering in this life, but sooner than later, it would be over when He entered the Father's glory

C. Temptation #3 – Jump from a cliff (quit thinking/trying; "give up")

- 1) One reason Jesus didn't jump was because He wanted His Father, as well as you and me, to know that "He would never _____" or give up

D. The temptations are about Satan trying to divert Jesus from His mission to redeem the human race; In other words, Jesus' mission was to let you and me know how much God loves us and that no matter how hard it may get, it will all be worth it once we get to the other side

A1. power 3. satisfy B1. do 2. suffering 4. sympathizes 5. Jesus C1. quit