

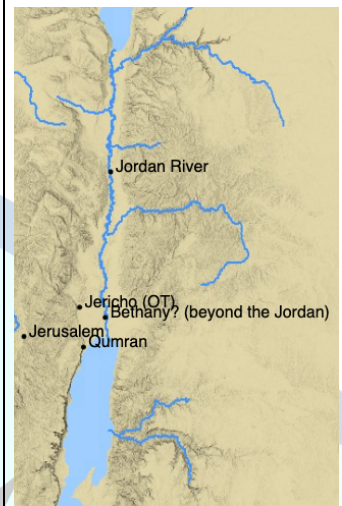
Word Wednesday Lesson 7. Immersion and Temptation

Matthew 3:13-4:11 (Mark 1:9-13, Luke 3:21-4:13; John 1:29-34)

Cross-References:

- Deu 8:3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.
- Psa 91:9-12 Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place— the Most High, who is my refuge— no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands, they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- Deu 6:13-16 It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you— for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroys you from off the face of the earth. You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah.
- Hebrews 4:15-16 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Setting:



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Memory Verse #7: Luke 3:22 – “The Holy Spirit descended on him like a ____; and a voice came from heaven saying, “You are my _____, with You I am _____.”

Walking in His Dust #1: It is written.... 2 Tim 3:16-17 “ _____ is breathed out by God and is _____ for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be _____, equipped for every _____.”

Walking in His Dust #2: Satan attacks when we’re isolated.... Acts 2:42 “And they _____ to the apostles’ teaching and the _____, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Lesson notes & questions:

Lesson Reflections (review before Apply nights):

(You may wish to spend time in prayer before answering.)

- What is at least one new thing I learned about loving God or loving my neighbor?
- Which topics discussed would I like to know more about or need clarification on?
- How does the Holy Spirit want me to apply the lesson’s Scripture to my discipleship?

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APPLY!

- Share your “Lesson Reflections” responses with the group. Jot down others’ observations.
- Read **John 1:31-34**. Why was Jesus baptized? How does His baptism “fulfill all righteousness” (see Matt 5:17)?
- What does the Holy Spirit descending like a dove signify? Why is God “well pleased” with Jesus’ immersion? What would have been your reaction had you seen and heard these things?
- Read **1 John 2:16**. What do Satan’s challenges reveal to us about our adversary? How can we as disciples prepare for similar challenges?
- Read the **Deuteronomy** passages on the front side. What is the significance of Jesus refuting each temptation from the same section of Deuteronomy? Is the Bible where we turn when we are tempted?
- Read **Hebrews 4:15-16** and discuss the main points God wants us to apply to our discipleship (ours or discipling another). What can we learn from Jesus’ victory over Satan in the wilderness? When was the last time you thanked and praised Him for fulfilling all righteousness?

GO!

What is God saying to you right now, and how are you responding?

Matthew 9:37-38 – the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest.

What is something you are excited about right now?

Psalms 37:4 Delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

What is a big challenge you are facing right now?

Gal 6:2 Bear one another’s burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ.

Who is on your heart right now and why?

James 5:13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

Review the last lesson’s GO section. What prayers has God answered?

Philippians 4:8 Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Pray for one another!