

Baptized and Tempted

God With Us, Part 8 • Jesus

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Discussion Questions:

1. Jesus was publicly baptized to identify with those He came to save. How does His willingness to be baptized impact you? Have you been publicly baptized to identify with Jesus as your Savior? If not, what is holding you back?

Jesus prayed, fasted, depended on the Spirit and knew Scripture. Thus, He countered Satan's temptations with authority, knowing that the TRUTH He believed and used was His power to prevail. Consider how you might overcome these temptations as Jesus did.

2. The 1st temptation was to turn stones to bread (EAT and LIVE). Have you been tempted to say or do something, but your conscience brought truth to mind and you chose to do God's will instead? Can you share an example?
3. The 2nd temptation was to leap from the temple (JUMP and SHINE), proving that Jesus was God's Chosen, and worthy of being glorified. How have you ever pressed your own agenda and then expected God to show up to support you and give you success?
4. The 3rd temptation was to bow to Satan and attain the goal of universal authority, without a painful path, (BOW and WIN). Satan often tempts us to avoid the hard path and take the easy road. Think about a time you took a short cut to avoid hardship and get to your goal (at work, school, in a relationship).

Note: There are further thought/discussion questions in each of the boxes in the commentary.