



## The Gospel of Mark #3: Temptation

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.  
Mark 1:12-13

### The Wilderness:

#### 1. The Wilderness Is A Place Of PURPOSE

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. Mark 1:12

- God TESTS, Satan TEMPS

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. James 1:12-14

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In Illegitimate Ways."*

#### 2. The Wilderness Is A Place Of SUBMISSION

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

#### 3. The Wilderness Is A Place Of WARFARE

- The WORD of God

And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." Matthew 4:3

- The WILL of God

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple<sup>6</sup> and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" Matthew 4:5-6

- The WORSHIP of God

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup> And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Matthew 4:8

### The Wilderness:

#### 4. The Wilderness Is A Place Of PROVISION

And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. Mark 1:13



## Life Groups

We believe that spiritual growth happens best in circles . Life groups provide a safe and encouraging environment to experience authentic Christian community, to love each other, to grow faith and discover the life-giving truth of God's Word. For more info contact Pastor [Joshua@waipunachapel.com](mailto:Joshua@waipunachapel.com)

### Using the S.O.A.P Bible Study Method:

(S= Scripture O=Observations, A=Application P= Prayer)

- This week spend 20 minutes a day reading Scripture (See Gospel of Mark 21 Day Reading Plan)
- Then spend 20 minutes journaling your Observations, Application and Prayers.  
(If 40 minutes is overwhelming start with 20 or even 10 minutes *"Start Small But Start Now"*)
- At your Life Group gathering take turns sharing the observations and applications that you have gleaned from this week's reading of the Gospel of Mark.

### Discussion From This Weeks Message:

- Do you struggle with the notion that God will lead you into "wilderness" experiences for his purposes. Why? Why not?
- Discuss the statement *"Satan is a master luring and enticing us to fulfil legitimate desires in illegitimate ways"* (see James 1:12-14).
- Share a time when you have learned submission to God through difficult circumstance.
- Discuss the three areas that Satan often attacks in our live: 1) The word of God; 2) The will of God; 3) The worship of God. How have you seen this manifest itself in your life?
- What has been your understanding of the role of angels in the life of the believer?
- Pray for each other in the following manner: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil".

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