

FAITHFUL UNDER FIRE
Matthew 4:1-11 // January 22, 2023 PM

I. Jesus, the last Adam, is tested in the wilderness (vv. 1-2).

- A. Jesus is undergoing temptation like the first Adam.
- B. Jesus is undergoing temptation like the corporate Adam.

II. Jesus, the last Adam, is triumphant in the wilderness (vv. 3-11).

- A. Jesus is trusting His Father's provision (vv. 3-4).
- B. Jesus is trusting His Father's protection (vv. 5-7).
- C. Jesus is trusting His Father's possession (vv. 8-10).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Does God tempt us? What is the difference between testing and tempting? And how can God use temptation without Himself being a tempter?
2. How does the temptation Jesus faces in the wilderness point back to Adam? How does it point back to Israel? Why is this important to understand?
3. Jesus refutes the devil's temptations by quoting Scripture. What book of the Bible does He quote every time? What is the significance of that?
4. Can you describe the devil's three temptations? How were all three of them an attempt to get Jesus to say no to the cross?
5. Does the devil tempt us today? What are some ways He tries to make us doubt God and His word?
6. How can we fight against the devil? What do we learn from Jesus here?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I sometimes doubt God and His word when He brings me through great trials and temptations?
2. Have I stored up God's word in my heart that I might not fall prey to the devil's lies?
3. Am I looking to Jesus as the sinless Son who alone can restore me to God's garden? Am I holding fast to my confession of Him no matter what this wilderness life brings my way?