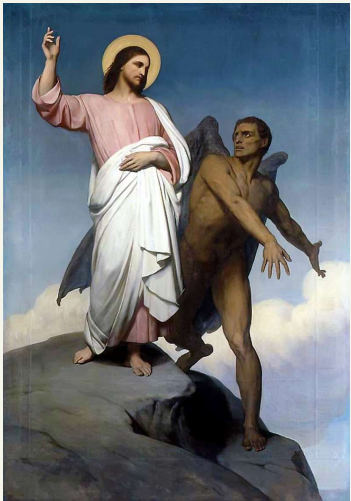




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Advent Series
Jesus Our Exemplar of Being Holy When Tested
December 4, 2022



Lu 1:35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

What does "holy" mean?

- **Set apart** קִדָּשׁ 06942 qadash kaw-dash
 - **God is separate from His Creation**
 - **God declared the seventh day holy: He dedicated the day for a purpose**
 - **God set man apart within Creation to be in relationship with Himself with purpose**

Gen 1

Gen 2:3

Gen 2:16

What does God being HOLY mean?

- ***Set apart***
 - ***In His Being***
 - ***In His Unchangeable Attributes***
 - ***Sovereignty, Power, Love, Grace, Goodness, Purity (sinless)***
 - ***In His Purposes***
 - ***In His Relationships He Called His People Into***

What does Jesus being HOLY mean?

- **Jesus WAS, IS, & ALWAYS WILL BE GOD**
- **His Incarnation**
 - **Set apart**
 - *In His Being*
 - *In His Attributes*
 - *In His Purposes*
 - *In His Relationships He Called His People Into*
 - **Entered humanity**
 - *As the Son of God*
 - *To do the Will of His Father*
 - *That people may be His forever*

What does Man being HOLY mean?

- **Set apart**
 - **From the rest of Creation**
 - **Free to choose**
- **Christians: Set apart to God**
 - **Made Holy in Jesus**
 - **With respect to position, sin, and future..**
 - **Becoming Holy by God's Word & Spirit**
 - **Practice of becoming more His, more pure, more like Him**

The trails of testing

1. Temptations of Man

- From within, drawn by internal craving*
- From without, what looks good, or makes us look good*
- From without, evil forces*

2. Testing

- To determine a result*
- To assess a current state to know where change is in order*
- To prove to others the result*

Testing to Confirm Quality



Following His Example While Being Tested

- *Tempting by the Devil*
- *Rejection by the Leadership of Israel*
- *Suffering towards Calvary*

Matt 4:1-13

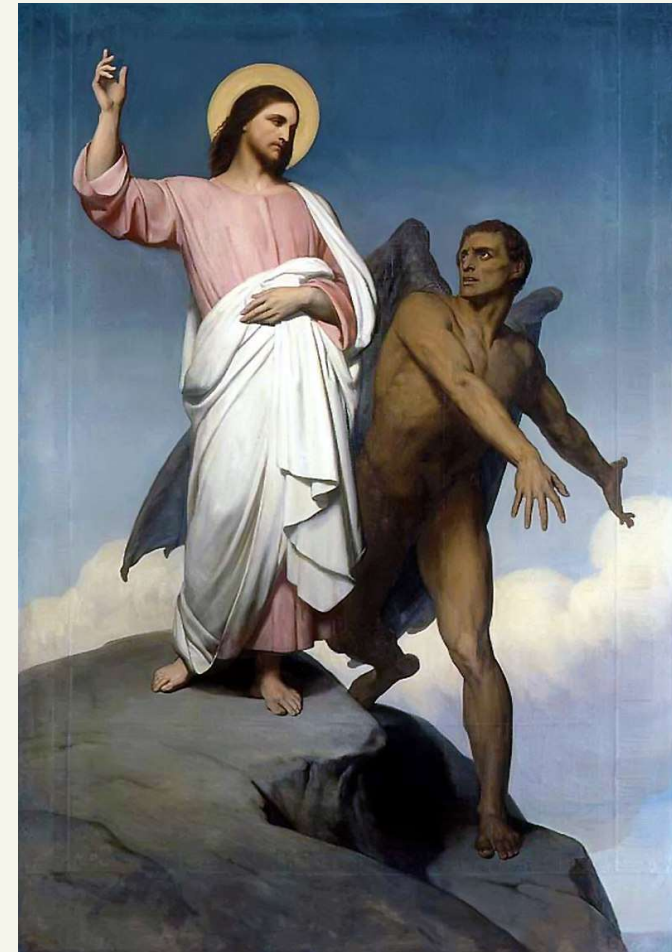
Matt Ch 22-24

Matt 26:30-46

Facing the powerful enemy

Matt 4:1-13

- **Remember Who is with you**
 - *Follow the Spirit of God*
- **Test 1**
 - *Will Jesus use His Power to meet His own needs?*
 - *Result: 40 days in hunger, did not take a step away*
 - *Rely on the words and wisdom of God*
- **Test 2**
 - *Will Jesus use His Power to win people to Himself?*
 - *Result: Refused to take a step of succumbing to the world view on how to get and maintain power*
 - *Remember who is placing something in your path, guided by His Word*

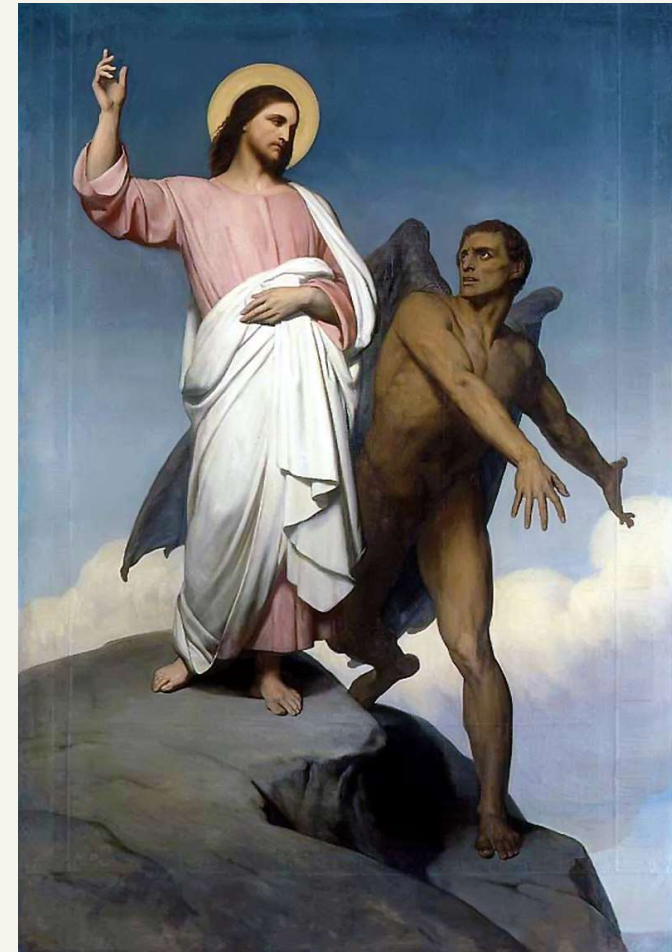


Facing the powerful enemy

Matt 4:1-13

• **Test 3**

- *Who is to be worshipped?*
- *Away from me Satan!*
- *Worship the Lord your God!*
- *The same learnings for His disciples*
 - *Recognize the wiles of the devil and the allure of the world*
 - *Again, God's Word by His Spirit is both our ever present defense as well as our offense to turn the situation to God's Holiness and Glory alone*



Entrapment by the Leadership of Israel

Matt 4:22-24

- *The Chief Priests, the Pharisees' disciples & the Herodians*
- *The Sadducees*
- *The Pharisees & their legal expert*



The Chief Priests, the Pharisees' disciples & the Herodians

*Matt 22:
15-22*

- *Learn to judge the situation at hand*
- *Deal with them from where they are*
- *Rely on the wisdom of God to bring them to God*



The Sadducees

*Matt 22:
23-33*

- *Inject the Truth*
- *Know the Word of God*
- *Know the Power of God*



The Pharisees & Their Legal Expert

*Matt 22:
34-40*

- *Answer the seeker from where they are*
- *Work to move them from you to Jesus*
 - *Via God's Word & Spirit*



The Pharisees & Their Legal Expert

*Matt 22:
41-45*

- *Challenge who it is they are looking for*
- *Again, draw them to Jesus from His Word and Power*



Suffering towards Calvary

**Matt 26:
30-46**

- *Sang a hymn with them*
- *Jesus brings the disciples the Mount of Olives as was His custom*
- *This is the night where I will be stricken down*
- *And you will be scattered*
- *But after I am raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee*
- *Peter not me Lord; all said the same thing*
- *Jesus corrects him: You will deny me three times*



Suffering towards Calvary

**Matt 26:
30-46**

- *Jesus took disciples to Gethsemane to pray*
- *Keep watch with me*
- *Jesus' sorrows and troubles*
 - *My soul is overwhelmed to death*
 - *Sweat pouring out of Him like blood flow*
 - *Fervently praying that this cup of death would be removed*
 - *His disciples did not watch with Him, slept*
 - *In spite of 3 calls to keep with Him*



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Jesus

The Holy Son of God

Our exemplar of

the power of God's Word;

seeing the presence and

purpose of God the Spirit

in every moment;

seeking all to come to Him

even in the most difficult times

Jesus Set Apart to Save

The Pure One-to save and to keep us

The work of Calvary by His Love & Grace

