

Date - Sept 27th
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Series - The Third Act
Sermon Title - The Temptation

Big Idea: The third act of a movie or play completes the story and/or offers resolutions or answers. It ties together the narrative elements that came earlier. Weaknesses shown in the first act are overcome in the climax of the third act. In the same way, Jesus is the climax of the story of Scripture. This week we dive into right before the ministry of Jesus starts off as we see Him identify and exemplify baptism and how to battle temptation.

Intro: In Chapter 23 of "The Story" we see what happens before Jesus starts his official ministry.

1. Jesus' Gets Baptized

Matthew 3:16-17 = And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

A VOICE FROM HEAVEN!!!

But baptism is for sinners, yet JESUS was baptized. Why?

So Jesus, by baptism, identified with God's people, by saying, "It's right for us to do this."

2. Jesus gets tempted

"THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS" - 1Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. 2For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." 4But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' 5Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, 6and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.' 7Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.' 8Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9"I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me." 10"Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.' 11Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

Closing - Does what happened to Jesus happen with Us? Do we make the same decisions that Jesus made. To not give into the temptation but to stand on the word of God.

It's time we step into our identity, fully knowing who they are and Who they belong to The Champion