

Assignment – Oaklands Chapel – February 1 2009

Luke 4:1-13 Final Preparation: the Temptation

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1. From Satan's point of view, what is strategically important about the timing and context for Jesus' wilderness temptation?
 - How does this inform and adjust our view of Jesus' character and reliance on his Father?
2. Who's in charge of the wilderness temptation?
 - Some scriptural facts:
 - the Holy Spirit leads Jesus in the wilderness (v.1)
 - the devil leads Jesus to a great height and then to Jerusalem (vv. 5,9)
 - the devils seems to acknowledge temporary defeat but marshals his forces for a future encounter (v. 13)
3. Compare Jesus' use of scripture with the devil's during the series of temptations. Are there any principles about handling the Bible we can glean?
4. Are the devil's claims about his powers true?
 - How—like Jesus—can we discern when scriptural information gets skewed or misapplied?
 - How—like Jesus—can we be bold in our allegiance to God?