

MATTHEW 3:13-4:25

1. Who came to John to be **baptized** in 3:5-6? Who came to him to be baptized in v. 7? In verse 13, who came to him to be baptized?
2. At first, John tried to stop Jesus from being baptized. But what reason did Jesus give as to why John should baptize him?
3. After Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up. What two things came out of the **heavens**?
4. Jesus **fasted** for 40 days and nights. What other people in the bible fasted for the same period of time (Deut. 9:9; I Kings 19:7, 8)?
5. Jesus was tempted three times by the devil. The first temptation took place in the wilderness. What was the **location** of the second temptation and the third temptation?
6. Look at Satan's first two temptations of Jesus. What identical statement did Satan make at the beginning of both the first and second temptation?
7. When Jesus was tempted to make stones into bread, he responded by quoting part of **Deuteronomy 8:3**. Read all of Deuteronomy 8:3. How did Israel learn or know that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God?

8. When Jesus was tempted to throw himself off the temple, he responded by quoting part of **Deuteronomy 6:16**. Read all of Deuteronomy 6:16. Israel was told to not test (or tempt) the Lord as they had done where? How had they tested the Lord at that place (Exodus 17:7)?

9. Look carefully at 4:1-11. What are some things you can learn about **Satan** from this text?

10. Satan won't tempt us with exactly the same temptations that Jesus faced. For example, he won't tempt us to turn stones to bread. But in reality, Jesus was being tempted *just like us*. Pick out one of the three temptations that Satan used against Jesus and try to answer the following: how does this temptation relate to us? How might Satan tempt us in similar ways in our life?

11. At the beginning of our reading, Jesus left **Galilee**. Why did he leave (3:13)? Later on, what event prompted him to return to Galilee? Upon returning, what city in Galilee did he move to?

12. The word '**follow**' is used several times in 4:18-22. Can you think of some lessons from those verses about what it means to follow Jesus, about what following him may require of us?

13. Look at 4:23-25. What things did Jesus do as part of his ministry? What was the result of his ministry in Galilee?