



In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Mark 1:9-13

“Baptism and Temptation”  
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Context: Jesus and John were c\_\_\_\_\_ born six months apart.  
They probably spent a \_\_\_\_\_ together each year at Passover.  
John most likely moved to a monastery at age \_\_\_\_\_ at Qumran.  
His group was called the “Essenes” and were known for the daily  
practice of ritual b\_\_\_\_\_ for purification using a *mikvah*.

I. The Baptism of Jesus

Jesus came from Nazareth to meet John at the J\_\_\_\_\_ river which  
is known as “The Way to the Promised Land.”  
The Jordan flows south to the D\_\_\_\_\_ Sea.  
At baptism, sin and guilt are washed away to d\_\_\_\_\_.  
At baptism, you receive p\_\_\_\_\_ to enter into the Promised L\_\_\_\_\_.  
Jesus received p\_\_\_\_\_ from the Spirit for the m\_\_\_\_\_ ahead.

II. What Happens after Baptism: Temptation

Jesus is led to the w\_\_\_\_\_, not the after party or reception.  
Jesus’ first temptation was about f\_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 4:1-4  
Jesus’ second temptation was about f\_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 4:5-7  
Jesus’ third temptation was to sell His soul for w\_\_\_\_\_ & p\_\_\_\_\_.  
Matthew 4:8-11

III. The Lesson



We are all t\_\_\_\_\_ and t\_\_\_\_\_ - even Jesus.  
So, don’t hide your temptation. Jesus knows what real life is like and  
has m\_\_\_\_\_ for us all. Hebrews 4:15-16

Temptation after a spiritual high doesn’t mean it didn’t work or  
wasn’t real. It means it did, it was, and God is with you!

Action Steps: Remember your \_\_\_\_\_.  
Confide in a trusted advisor your current \_\_\_\_\_.  
Embrace the w\_\_\_\_\_! God is there. God is with you.  
Find a time of solitude this week to hear God and remember.