

Jesus Lives

A Perfect Human Life

Matthew 3:13-4:11 | Mar 15, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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1. Spring Break: Youth Group, Awana, Bible Studies
2. FYA Meets at Church; March 16
3. FaithMoms; March 19
4. Homeschool Group; March 20
5. Thirst HS Winter Retreat; March 27-29
6. Good Friday; April 3
7. Easter Sunday; April 5
8. Women's Retreat; April 17-19

INTRODUCTION:

Read our passage.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. **Baptism into What?** Since Jesus was sinless and didn't need a "baptism of repentance" what does act signify? What does it tell us about His understanding of His mission? What does it communicate about His love for humanity?
2. **Identity Before Activity:** Before Jesus performs a single miracle or faces the devil, the Father declares, "*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased*" (Matt 3:17). How does knowing he was already loved and approved by God change the way

we view Jesus' ability to resist temptation later in the desert?

3. **The Strategy of the Word:** Every time the tempter says, "*If you are the Son of God,*" Jesus responds with "It is written." Why is it significant that Jesus—the Word made flesh—chose to rely on written Scripture rather than his own divine power to defeat Satan?
4. **Resisting the "Shortcuts":** The temptations in Matthew 4:1-11 often focused on taking a "shortcut" to his kingdom (e.g., getting the world's kingdoms without the Cross). How does Jesus' refusal to serve himself show us what a selfless life actually looks like in practice?
5. **Perfection Under Pressure:** Hebrews 4:15 tells us Jesus was tempted in every way as we are, yet remained without sin. Looking at the specific nature of these three temptations (physical appetite, personal safety, and power), which one do you think is hardest for humans to resist today, and how does Jesus' example provide a way out?

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Prayer Focus: Pray for ongoing outreach and missions, people in our body, and for our leaders.

Personal Practical Application: What was the most significant truth God showed you this week? How can you apply that to your life today?