

THE STORY OF GOD

Jesus, the true and better Adam- Genesis 1-3, Matthew 3:13-4:11
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OBSERVE & REFLECT

(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon.)

READ Matthew 3:13-4:11

- ☀ Read the text at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- ☀ What do you observe in the text? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are.

INVESTIGATE & APPLY

(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the Scripture.)

1. Read Genesis 1-3 and summarize the major parts of the Creation and Fall accounts. What were Adam and Eve created for? How was that lost? What was promised to them in Genesis 3:15?
2. One of the primary aspects of being created in the image of God is that humans are created relationally. We need relationships with God and with others. How was that broken in Genesis 3? How does Jesus' baptism display his work to restore this?
3. Why was Jesus baptized? Why did he say that he needed to do this? What does that mean?
4. How is the Trinity displayed in the Baptism passage? What is the significance of this?
5. What were the words of the Father to his Son, Jesus? What is significant about his words?
6. What happened immediately after the baptism? What is the Spirit's role in this? Why is this significant?
7. Summarize the first temptation of Satan to Jesus. How does Jesus respond?
8. Summarize the second temptation of Satan to Jesus. How does Jesus respond?
9. Summarize the third temptation of Satan to Jesus. How does Jesus respond?

“As the voice of the Father boomed out, the message was clear: the Son of God is among you! And the Son of God was able to do something no one else could do—reconnect us to the Father.”
-Mike Breen

NEXT STEPS

- ☀ How does Jesus' obedience contrast with Adam's disobedience? Read Romans 5:12-21. What does it mean that Jesus is the “Second Adam”?
- ☀ How does Jesus' obedience lead us into life and the ability to be who we were originally created to be?
- ☀ What do we learn about the schemes and attacks of Satan, who used Scripture to try and tempt Jesus?
- ☀ Which of the three temptations do you feel most susceptible to? How can you learn to resist Satan as Jesus did in this passage?