

re-Creation

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Matthew 4:1-11

1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

As you read through the three temptations Jesus faced in this story, do you see any parallels with the temptations that the Israelites faced in the Old Testament?

In what ways are these three temptations still tempting for us today? What do these temptations look like in our own lives?

In what ways does this story help us to overcome our own temptations today?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL SPRING EKKLESIA DINNER OUT

Wednesday, May 6th at Dancing Bear Appalachian Bistro!

We'll be wrapping up our Spring Ekklesia Dinner Out series on Wednesday, May 6th at Dancing Bear Appalachian Bistro in Townsend. All are welcome to join us, but make sure to sign up at the back table (or let Kent or Dave know) so we know how many seats we'll need!

EKKLESIA GAME NIGHT

Friday May 1st

We'll be hosting a game night on Friday, May 1st at 6:30pm at the church. All ages are welcome. We'll have games available, but everyone is welcome to bring their favorite games too! And of course, snacks are always welcome. For more info, see Adney.

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New Sermon Series

A good God created a good Creation. But generations of mistakes and missteps have left our lives and our world in a state of de-Creation. What are we to do? Who will save us from ourselves? The prophet Isaiah spoke of a God who would make all things new, a God who could not only create, but re-create (Isaiah 43). And in Jesus, we meet both the image and the catalyst of this re-Creation. Chaos is calmed, temptations are resisted, life overcomes death, and people are born again! During the season of Eastertide (April 5-May 17), join us as we discover the hope and joy of re-Creation!



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