



INTO THE WILDERNESS

Matthew 4:1-11



Into the wilderness

- No public arena.
- Not about being faithful in public, it's about being faithful.
- Hypocrisy if not faithful here.
- If not faithful here, there is no faithfulness.

Into the wilderness

- Jesus, face to face with Satan.
- Battle for his soul and ours.
- The words on his heart, mind and tongue were scripture.

Scripture

- The words in his mind, on his heart.
 - *Not just a book to be honored.*
- For life's questions, challenges, and temptations, he knew scripture and how they applied.
- Do I know what scripture says about the things of my life?
 - *Do I want to know?*
 - *If not, why not?*

Scripture

- Satan didn't laugh.
 - *He knew the author and truth of scripture. He knew Jesus knew.*
- Vs. 4, 7, 10
- Scripture – more than ancient words written on a page to be remembered.
- Jesus is describing who he is. His heart, mind and soul.

Into the wilderness

- Satan can do nothing to the one who knows God's word and abides in it.
- *Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (Jas. 4:7 NIV)*
- How do we resist the devil?
- You either submit to God or you don't.