

# The First Sunday of Lent

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The First Sunday of Lent is always the story of the Temptations in the Desert. The collection of Forty days is Symbolic of the forty years in the desert in Exodus. Luke's reference to being filled by the Holy Spirit is reminiscent of his Baptism in the Jordan River.

The first temptation challenges Jesus to use his power as Son of God. The second temptation is to call forth his political power. The third temptation, taking Jesus into Jerusalem dares Jesus to prove that he is the Son of God by throwing himself off the temple tower. I find it interesting that the Devil is challenging Jesus to perform these actions that would expose Jesus proving that he is the Son of God. Not the disciples but the Devil is the only one who recognizes Jesus as God's Son. How is it that the adversary, the devil, is the revealer of the identity of Jesus. Can we recognize Jesus in our daily lives? The Devil is cunning and frightening. Does the devil know more about us than we know about ourselves?

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