

OutlineLent1A17

"Temptation: Good or Bad?" based on Matt. 4:1-11

2 Perspectives to view a story

1. Look to see what it says about our Lord and Savior – Jesus Christ.
 - The word 'tempt' usually has a bad connotation – to entice to do wrong
 - 'tempt' can mean to 'test' as Abraham's sacrifice of son Isaac
 - Temptation narrative was more a testing of Jesus
 - Where Adam and Eve fell, Jesus overcame
2. Look to see what it says about us.
 - Temptation doesn't have to make us sin, can lead us to overcome our sin
 - Think of it as a 'test' a child faces in school. Allows them to go to next level.
 - At times we run away from our testing and trials. We're no match if we're not prepared.

During this Lenten season, we need to prepare ourselves by learning and growing in our Christian faith. May we use our temptation or testing to become better followers of our Lord!