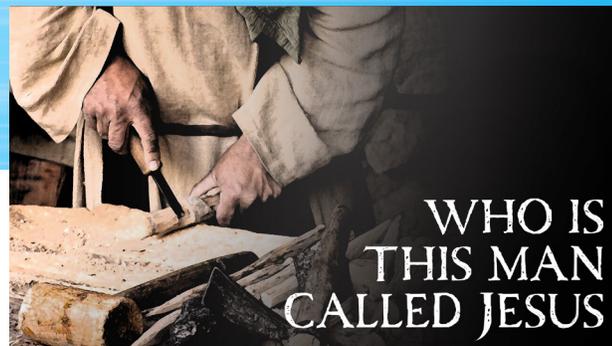


# Discussion Questions

October 24, 2021



1. Read Matthews account of the Temptation in the wilderness from Matthew 4:1-11

- Discuss why you think the Spirit led the fully human Jesus to experience this?
- How would this experience help to prepare Jesus for the 3 years of ministry ahead?

2. Read Luke's account of the Garden of Gethsemane in Luke 22:39-46

- Go back and identify each aspect of what Jesus experienced in this passage?
- What do you learn about Jesus' humanity in this passage?
- Why do you think Jesus was in such incredible agony?

3. Read Hebrews 2:17-18

- Discuss how is Jesus able to help us when we are tested as stated in verse 18.

4. Read Matthew 11:28-30

- What does it look like for us to take on Jesus' yoke?
- What does His rest look like in our lives in the midst of our own weariness and pain?
- If appropriate, share a time when you have experienced God's divine rest or grace in the midst of great difficulty.

5. Read Hebrews 4:15-16

- How can we apply this passage to our lives today?



## **SUNDAY OCTOBER 24, 2021**

### **Luke 22:39-46**

**And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."**

### **Matthew 4:2**

**After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.**

### **Matthew 4:3**

**If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.**

### **Hebrews 4:15**

**For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.**

### **Matthew 26:36-38**

**Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me."**

### **Luke 22:41-44**

**And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.**

### **Hebrews 5:7-8**

**In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard**

because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

**Matthew 26:40-41**

And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

**Luke 22:46**

and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.

**Matthew 26:42**

Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

**Mark 14:40**

And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him.

**Matthew 26:44**

So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.

**Mark 16:41-42**

And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

"Our Lord Jesus Christ who did through his transcendent love become what we are, that he might bring us to be, even what he is in himself."

Irenaeus - 2nd Century Church Father

**Hebrews 2:14-15**

Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

**Hebrews 2:17**

Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest

before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people.

**Hebrews 2:18**

Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.

**Hebrews 2:15**

Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

**Matthew 11:28-30**

Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

**1 Peter 5:7**

Cast all your anxiety on him [Jesus] because he cares for you

**Isaiah 42:3**

A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

**Hebrews 4:15-16**

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.