

# Living Connections Bible Study



## Match Tested

### Prayer

**Text:** Matthew 3:13 -4:11

**Icebreaker:** How did Jesus temptations in the wilderness prove Him to be our perfect Savior? Hebrews 2:10; 4:15

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1. Give some reasons why our perfect Savior would come to John for baptism?  
Matthew 3:13-15; Psalm 40:6-8

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2. What is the significance of Jesus' anointing and filling with the Holy Spirit at His baptism? Matthew 3:16-17; John 1:32-33; Acts 10:38; Philippians 2:6-7; Luke 4:1

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3. What do the following verses teach us about the importance of testing to prepare us for our service to God?

Job 23:10

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James 1:2-4

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1 Peter 1:6-7

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James 1:13

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Mark 1:12-13

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Without exception, the more powerful and effective the servant of God, the greater has been his or her time of testing.

4. Explain what it means that Jesus was tempted in all points like we are?  
Hebrews 4:15; 1 John 2:16; Genesis 3:6; James 1:14; Luke 4:3, 5-7, 9-11

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John wrote: *For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.*

5. What important lesson do we learn from Jesus about resisting temptation?  
Luke 4:4, 8, 12

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6. How does James teach us to gain the victory over temptation and how did Jesus illustrate this in His temptation? James 4:6-8

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7. Does victory over temptation today guarantee Satan will leave us alone tomorrow? Luke 4:13; 1 Peter 5:7; Ephesians 6:11

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**Think about it this week:**

James tells us that if we will submit ourselves and draw near to God like Jesus did then we will have the authority to resist and gain the victory of Satan. Our authority over Satan is in direct proportion to our proximity to Christ.

This reminds me of the little girl that was out walking with her daddy. Suddenly a ferocious looking dog came out onto the sidewalk in front of her and began to bark. She did the right thing. She turned and ran into her daddy's arms. And only then did she turn and shake her finger, saying *Bad dog! You're a bad dog!*

It's a dangerous thing to shake your finger in the devil's face unless you're in the arms of God.