

Across

1. Jesus went into the _____ for forty days and nights.

2. He was the son of God.

3. He tempted Jesus.

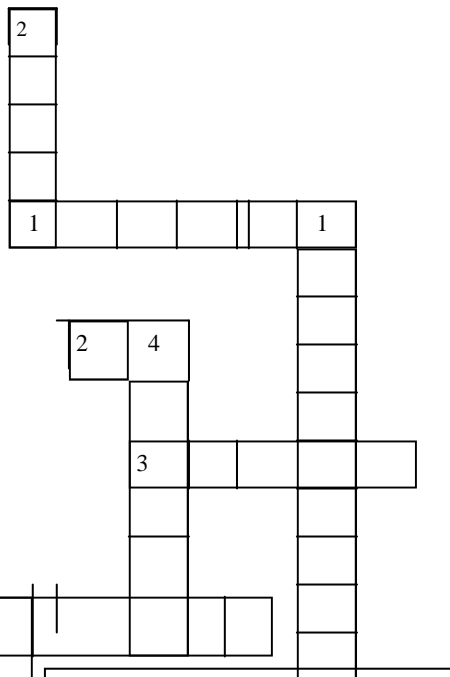
4. Jesus stayed fast-

“Worship the Lord your God and serve him only”
Matthew 4:10

I think that this verse shows that Jesus knew God’s word very well and he had power to fight evil.

TO DO: Why don't you memorize your favourite verse over Lent?

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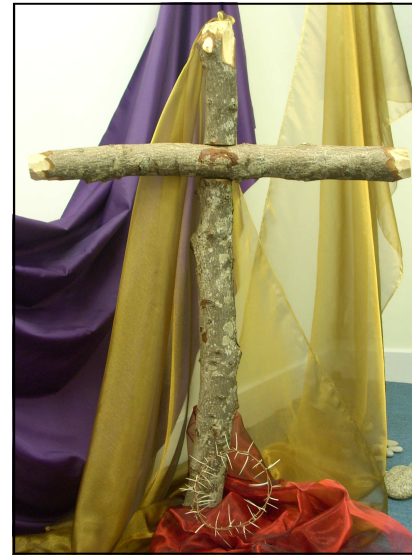


Down

1. Jesus resisted the Devil's _____.

2. Jesus was tempted to turn stones into _____.

3. Another word for _____.



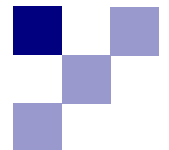
Journey To The Cross:

What Are You Taking Up?

Week 2: Getting To The Quiet Place

Lenten Reflections

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There will be a new booklet each week to help you prepare for Easter. Different people in the church will be contributing their thoughts and reflections.



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Bible Reading:

The Temptation of Jesus. Matthew 4: 1-11

Reflection:

Matthew 4:1 says Jesus was “led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil”, so this was the purpose of his spending time fasting in the desert. It amazes me that the devil was so bold as to tempt Jesus. This means that we who are full of sin are easy prey for Satan. After fasting forty days and nights Jesus was hungry. Satan is a coward and (I have found) always strikes when his quarry is at his most weak and vulnerable; this can indeed be hungry, thirsty, physically unwell, lonely, and anxious, etc. the list can go on and on!

First off, he tried to undermine Jesus’ power “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread”. Then, he tried to tempt Jesus with all the wealth of the world and he tried to pressure him to throw himself down from the highest point of the temple. Satan offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if he would bow down and worship him.

In our lives Satan also tempts us with wealth, and status symbols too. He offers us these things if we will do the wrong thing. That means if we follow Satan’s law, not God’s law.

Jesus gets rid of Satan by saying “Away from me Satan! For it is written; worship the Lord your God and serve him only”.

To stay free from temptation Jesus advises us to worship the Lord only. We can ask ourselves this question, if we are unsure that we are going off the path.

“Am I worshipping and serving only the Lord?”

What I’m taking up?

Getting to a quiet place.....

On the subject of my own prayer. I can pray anywhere quiet, especially if there is something bothering me or on my mind.

- Rosemary Bashford