

**INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ**

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***...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free Jn.8:32***

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE**

**31.07.16**

**Theme: Temptation and Early Ministry of Christ**

**Memory verse:** *Hebrews chapter two verse eighteen: "For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted".*

**Texts: Matthew 4: 1-25**

After His baptism "Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil". He had received the fullness of the Holy Spirit and the Father's approval at his baptism, but immediately afterwards, the devil confronted Him with manifold temptations. Temptations often come to men on the mountain top of victory and victory or in the valley of weakness and sorrow. Shortly after Peter's great confession of faith, he was tempted to discourage Jesus from going to Calvary (Matthew 16: 16, 22).

Similarly, Job was tempted to curse God and die while down in the valley of losses and sickness. God has not promised us the absence of temptation while on the pathway of duty. But His faithfulness will not allow us to be tempted above our ability: "but will with temptation also make a way to escape that we may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10: 13)

The Spirit's purpose in leading Jesus to be tempted was not to see whether He would sin. Rather, it was to prove that He could not sin. It was also necessary so that Jesus can identify with mankind in their struggle against sin. Only in this way could He become an approved High Priest who can represent us in heaven (Hebrews 4: 15). As believers Jesus Christ had set the example for us to follow anytime we are tempted. May the Lord who cannot bow to temptation give US the enable Grace to stand when tempted ,in Jesus name! Amen!!!!!!