THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

Luke 4:1-13

Key Verse: 4:4 "Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man does not live on bread alone."""

1. Read verses 1-2. Where did God's Spirit lead Jesus? Describe the place. Why did Jesus have to be tempted by the devil? How was he like Adam?

2. How did the devil tempt Jesus first? Why was this a temptation? How does the devil tempt modern man with the bread problem? How does Esau exemplify this temptation? (Ge 25:29-32; Heb 12:16)

3. What does Jesus' answer (4) teach us about the nature of man? How do Jesus' words offer a solution to the inner fear and selfishness caused by pragmatism? How does God's word in Mt 6:33 help us to defeat this temptation? (Jn 4:14; Jn 6:35)

4. Read verses 5-8. How did the devil tempt Jesus? What does this temptation involve? What was the devil's strategy? How could he make such promises? (Jn 12:31) What does Jesus' answer (8) mean? (Dt 6:5) What is the example of Abraham? (Ge 22:12)

5. Read verses 9-13. How was this a temptation for Jesus to take an easy way instead of the way of the cross? What is the real meaning of the scripture, Ps 91:11,12, the devil quoted? What does Jesus' answer mean? What can you learn from Jesus about how to defeat Satan's temptations? (1Co 10:13)