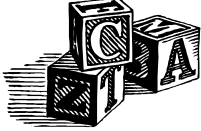


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

## "What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for "The Temptation of Jesus Christ"



**Basic Ideas** from Mark 1:12, 13.

1. Mark desire is for the reader to know that temptation is real and ever present.
2. In knowing the nature of temptation, Mark invites the reader to choose to resist temptation daily.
3. Finally, he desires for the readers to feel the joy of resting in the victory of Jesus Christ over temptation in their behalf.

**Basic Questions** from Mark 1:12, 13.

1. Is anyone exempt from temptation?
2. Is temptation sin?
3. When does temptation become sin?
4. Is victory over temptation possible in this life?
5. Think about the following material and discuss its application to you as a follower of Jesus Christ.
  - There is a **purpose** behind every temptation ("the Spirit sent Him out")
  - There is a **place** of temptation ("in the desert")
  - There is a **period** for temptation ("forty days")
  - There is a **power** behind temptation ("being tempted by Satan")
  - There is a **pattern** to temptation (Both Matthew and Luke)
    - There is an attack against **God's provision** ("Bread")
    - There is an attack against **God's protection** ("Throw yourself down")
    - There is an attack against **God's priority/person** ("Worship me")
  - There is a **persistence** in temptation ("he departed from him until an opportune time" Luke 4:13)

**Basic Application** from Mark 1:12, 13.

1. You and I will be tempted.
2. Our temptations will be fierce and, at times, we will fail.
3. God's love for us will not waver in our temptation regardless as to the immediate or temporal nature of the outcome.
4. Hold fast to what is true -- that the Father loves you and that He has not left you to yourself.