

## “Have You Ever Been Tempted”

(Stride Toward Freedom #2)

### Mark 1: 9- 15 (NIV)

9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

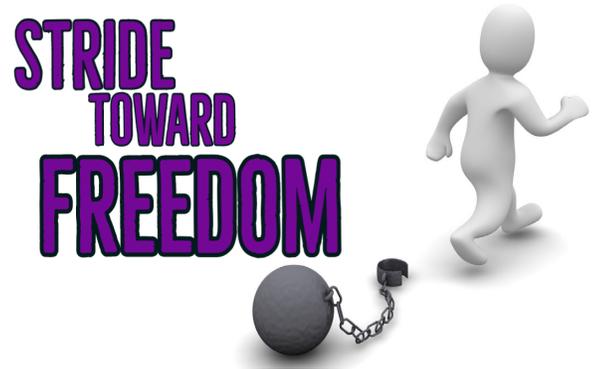
11 And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

12 At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness,

13 and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted<sup>[a]</sup> by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

Jesus Announces the Good News

14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”



### *Thought for the Week Ahead:*

*“Remember you are a channel of the gospel and not the source.”*

- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

### *Reflection on the Word:*

- 1) Have you ever been tempted?
- 2) What are the three temptations of Jesus?
- 3) Where do you think Jesus was tempted- the desert or the wilderness? What does the setting suggest? Does the setting matter?
- 4) Did Jesus resist or overcome temptation?

### *Family Time or Small Group (Better Together) Discussion:*

1. Do you think it is better to resist or overcome temptations? What is your practice?
2. The Lord’s Prayer says- “Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.” What does this suggest- Does God lead us into temptation? What about evil?
3. What do you hope thrups Lent will lead you to discover about your faith?
4. How can I pray for you?