5/15/2022 - Speaker - Al Schaap **Series: Investigating Jesus** Scripture: Luke 4 (p. 1017 f.)

Luke has recorded Jesus' birth, boyhood, baptism; and now The Battle begins...starting \_\_\_\_\_!

"the wilderness"

- Rugged, desolate, may become disoriented
  - Rebel against God?
  - Find God's will clarified?
  - $\,\circ\,$  Place of testing, cleansing, preparation,

The Last Adam/The New Israel

Cf. Deuteronomy 6-8; Psalm 106; Hebrews 3

Temptation:

"IF you are (who He said you are)...."

· Jesus doesn't entertain Satan's ideas (like Eve did)

· Answering Satan with \_\_\_\_\_

→ What is my \_\_\_\_\_?

→ Who is \_\_\_\_\_ – Who calls the shots?

→ Will I \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ God?

Hebrews 4:14-16: in the middle of temptation, you can be sure that Jesus –

- 1) Gets us! He understands completely!
- 2) Is willing to take us right to Father-God for
  - a. Mercy where we've failed
  - b. Grace to help in our need

Tested successfully internally, we now can go external (Luke 4:14 ff.)

...going in the power of The Spirit

...announcing the presence of The Kingdom with Him

- Good News! to the poor!
- Freedom! for the prisoners!
- Recovery of sight! for the blind!
- Setting the oppressed free!
- Proclaiming the time of \_\_\_\_\_!
  Cf. The Year of Jubilee

In Jesus, God's Kingdom – with restoration, freedom, sight, recovery, truly Good News has come! If we would join Him in His mission, we join Him in loving those marginalized and broken.

Key: inside; God's truths; motive; my God; test, trust; God's favor