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Written for Sunday, February 22, 2015

1st Sunday of Lent

Lectionary Year B

**Scripture:** [Mark 1:9-15](#) [ **Summary:** *Jesus makes a promise to God (aka baptism) and keeps it* ]

**Supplies Needed:** No supplies needed

**ASK** (a.k.a [The On-Ramp](#))

- Good morning!
- Has anyone ever asked you, "Can you keep a secret?"
- And when you say, "Yes," do they then say, "Do you PROMISE that you won't tell anyone?"
- After you promise, then they finally tell you the secret, for instance, the birthday present they got for one of your friends. We'll call that friend, "Dakota."
- So then, Dakota shows up and says, "HEY! Do you know what people got me for my birthday? I really want to know!"
- What would you do? Would you tell? Or would you keep your promise to not tell?!

**TELL** (a.k.a [The Freeway](#))

- In today's scripture story, there are NO secrets being kept, but Jesus does make a PROMISE to God.
- That's what the baptism part of the story is: Jesus telling God, "I promise to make you the center of my life. I will do this promise by paying attention to you all of the time."
- After this promise, the story says that the Holy Spirit led Jesus out to the wilderness where Jesus was tempted.
- This is the part of the story when Dakota shows up and says, "Tell me what I'm getting for my birthday."

- In other words, "tempted" is a fancy word that describes the chance Jesus had to break the promise he made to God.
- But Jesus DIDN'T break the promise he made to God.
- And, because he didn't break his promise, that tells us that Jesus REALLY knows how to pay attention to God.

## **SHARE the Good News** (a.k.a. *The Destination*)

- And guess what? Because we know that Jesus really knows how to pay attention to God, no matter what is going on for him, then we also know that Jesus is the best teacher for teaching us how to pay attention to God.
- This means that we can choose to learn from the best about how to pay attention to God
- And if we do that, then we will learn how pay attention to God *and* we can then teach others how they too can pay attention to God.
- And that's the good news for today.
- Let's pray. This is a repeat-after-me prayer.

## **CLOSING Prayer**

**Dear God,**

**Dear God,**

**Thank you for Jesus...**

Thank you for Jesus...

**...who kept his promise to you...**

...who kept his promise to you...

**..and then showed us...**

..and then showed us...

**...how to do the same.**

...how to do the same.

**Amen**