### The Great Second Adam

{Mark 1:12-13]

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[I] The setting

[A] The wilderness

[1] A place of loneliness and testing--a proving ground

[2] A place of renewal and clarification as well

[B] A forty-day trial--Jesus is the embodiment of Israel

[C] Jesus was with the wild animals

[1] Wild beasts represent the horror and danger of the wilderness

[2] A specific point of contact with Mark’s audience

“The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil”

[II] The adversary: Satan

[A] Satan is marginalized in a secular culture

Reductionism—disbelief, dismissal, and caricature are the most prevalent responses

[B] Satan is often marginalized in church culture

[C] Satan and the wild animals

“Your enemy the devil prowls round like a roaring lion” [First Peter 5:8]

[D] Angels were ministering to Jesus

[III] The great Second Adam

He deliberately walked into the wilderness

[A] We are saved by Jesus’ life

Jesus passed the test in the wilderness

[B] We are saved by Jesus’ death

Jesus, the Seed of the woman, crushed the head of the serpent

The world is still a battle ground—our hearts are a battle ground

[IV] How then do we live?

[A] There is a decisive, ongoing either/or--“No one can serve two masters” [Matt. 6:24a]

[B] Flight--flee from evil

“Flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace”

[C] Fight

[D] Dress appropriately--“Put on the full armor of God” [Ephesians 6:11]

[1] The Word—the sword of the Spirit

[2] Pray at all times

“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil” [Matthew 6:13]

[E] Prioritize community

Beware of empty time alone—"whatever” time”

[F] Rest in the promises of God

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might” [Ephesians 6:10]