

Rooted In Faith

January 21

McKendree Methodist Church

Message from the Pastor

Week 1 Recap of Our Red Letter Sermon Series!

We are committed to knowing Jesus and the Gospel, which is why we are doing a Red Letter Sermon series. This series excites me more than any other! We are not just going to read Jesus' words; we will study and apply them to our lives. By diving deep into His teachings, we will grow closer to Him, which is our calling in this world. We are called to know Jesus and share His message!

Understanding what He said will help us achieve both goals. Not only will we know Him better, but we will also find it easier to share Jesus with others.



Reflections from the Book of Matthew Red Letters:

- Matthew 4:4: "It is written, 'Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
- Matthew 4:7: "Once again it is written: 'You are not to put the Lord your God to the test.'"
- Matthew 4:10: "Go away, Satan! For it is written: 'You are to worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

Understanding the Temptation of Jesus: Lessons from Israel's Wilderness

To understand the temptation of Jesus in Matthew 4 and Luke 4, we must look at Israel's experiences in the wilderness. There are significant parallels:

- **Israel as God's Son:** Israel was recognized as God's son (Exodus 4:22-23), just as Jesus was at His baptism (Luke 3:21-22).
- **Guidance into the Wilderness:** God led Israel into the wilderness, while the Spirit guided Jesus.
- **Duration of Wilderness:** Israel wandered for 40 years, whereas Jesus was in the wilderness for 40 days.
- **Success vs. Failure:** Israel faltered during their tests, while Jesus succeeded, affirming His identity as God's Son.

Both faced vulnerability during trials. For Israel, this vulnerability followed their miraculous escape from Egypt and the defeat of Pharaoh. Similarly, Jesus had just been affirmed as the Messiah

through His baptism. While Israel succumbed to their trials, Jesus stood firm against three temptations from Satan. While none of us can ever be Jesus, we are called to be Christ-like. We are to try our best to be like Him!

One way we can do this is by looking at how He handled the temptation in the wilderness! Jesus countered Satan's temptations with Scripture from Deuteronomy. We discussed on Sunday how Jesus stated "It is written." He then used scripture from the Old Testament.

In the wilderness, Jesus was tempted to rely on something other than God, being urged to turn stones into bread, reminiscent of Israel's experience with manna. Jesus understood that life is sustained not only by bread but by every word from God (Deuteronomy 8:3), affirming His reliance on God. ***Jesus countered with Scripture!***

Satan tempted Jesus to gain authority over the kingdoms of the world through submission. Jesus recognized that His path required suffering before glory and rejected this shortcut. Unlike Israel, who often sought immediate benefits from other deities, Jesus committed to serving and worshiping only God (Deuteronomy 6:13). Jesus did not take the short cut as we so often do in life. ***Jesus countered with Scripture!***

Satan invited Jesus to prove His identity by jumping from the temple, suggesting angels would protect Him. Jesus said do not put the Lord your God to the test! ***Jesus countered with Scripture!***

Takeaways from Sunday:

- **Grace in Our Struggles:** God provides grace during tough times; it is a peace that surpasses understanding! We are to rely on God and God alone!
- **The Importance of Knowing God and His Word:** Lacking knowledge of God's Word and a relationship with Jesus can lead to facing life's challenges unprepared and at times lost.
- **Lessons from the Israelites:** The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years due to their decisions and lack of faith. We too can be left wandering if we do not have Jesus as our anchor. We need to not only read the Red Letters but also apply them to our lives.

See you this Sunday as we study Jesus' preaching and calling of his first disciples!

Crowder - Red Letters



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About McKendree Methodist Rooted In Faith- Deep Roots in KW!
McKendree Church has a rich history in King William, and as of Fall 2024, we proudly celebrated our transition from the United Methodist Church to an Independent Church that is Rooted In Faith . We are eager to focus our missions on serving our local community!

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Thursday Night Bible Study

Gospelers in training! Thursday nights at 6:30 PM!

- Weekly Update for our Bible/Book Study!

Here are some key takeaways to consider while reading the Intro and Chapter 1:

1. What does being a Gospeler mean?

We are all called to be a Gospeler. What might be holding you back from this calling? If you are already on this path, what do you need to continue growing in this area?

2. Who is part of your Gospeler genealogy?

Willie discusses the family table in Duck Dynasty as a place where people came to know Jesus. Is there a place or people who you think of where you've either delivered or received the story of the Gospel?

3. What is the most important thing we can pass down to our family, friends, or anyone who knows us?

Hint: Rooted in Faith!

4. The preacher went to the bar to reach Phil.

He knew the Gospel and that no one is too far gone. Where can we go as individuals and as a church family to reach those who have not heard the Gospel or need to hear it again?

Red Letter Sermon Series! Listen to our King!

Red Letter Sermon Series (Matthew)

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Jan. 19th - Worship at 9:30 AM and 10:45 AM; Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Kids. **Sermon Topic: "Wilderness"**

Jan. 26th - Worship at 9:30 AM and 10:45 AM; Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Kids. **Sermon Topic: "Preaching and Calling of His Disciples?"**

Feb. 2nd - Worship at 9:30 AM and 10:45 AM; Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Kids.



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