

Friend of Sinners

Empathy

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Empathy is the ability to put _____ into someone else's

.

¹⁵ *We do not have a high priest who is unable to **empathize with our weaknesses**, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin.* **Hebrews 4:15, NIV**

¹ *Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.* **Matthew 4:1, NIV**

As my empathetic friend, Jesus began the epic _____ for my soul by perfectly resisting _____.

² *After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.* ³ *The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."* ⁴ *Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"* **Matthew 4:2-4, NIV**

The devil is most successful in tempting us when we are:

H _____.

A _____.

L _____.

T _____.

As my empathetic friend, Jesus perfectly _____ the Father's _____.

⁵ *Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.* ⁶ *"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'* ⁷ *Jesus answered him, "It is also written: '**Do not put the Lord your God to the test.**'"* **Matthew 4:5-7, NIV**

As my empathetic friend, Jesus didn't _____ His Father's _____ for Him.

⁸ *Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.* ⁹ *"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."* ¹⁰ *Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'* ¹¹ *Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him."* **Matthew 4:8-11, NIV**

As my empathetic friend, Jesus took the _____ way to _____ the world through His death and resurrection.

¹ *My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, **we have an advocate** with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.* ² ***He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*** **1 John 2:1-2, NIV**

Jesus proved His friendship to us by His _____ and _____ us to befriend the least, the last and the lost.

MEMORY VERSE

We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. **Hebrews 4:15, NIV**

My next step: I will live in the victory that my best friend, Jesus, has won for me and strive to stand firm against temptation. I will also seek to be a friend to the least, the last and the lost, like Jesus.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.