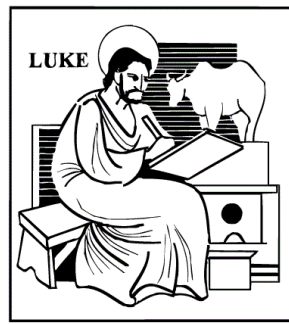
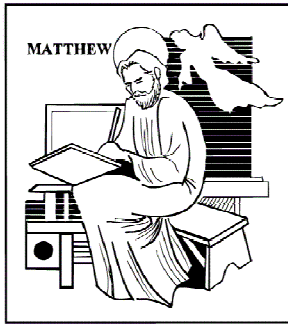


## Breaking Open the Word



February 22, 2015 First Sunday of Lent Lectionary: 23 Gospel [Mk 1:12-15](#)

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

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**Spiritual Reflection:** Mark's description about Jesus' temptation is very short. We know that He was tempted, it was a dangerous time (among wild beast) and that God provided for Him (angels ministered to Him). How can Jesus' example of being tempted teach us about life?

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### Spiritual Questions:

1. How can Jesus' example of being tempted teach us about life?
2. What is the difference between temptation and sin?
3. Why did temptation have to be a part of Jesus' life?
4. How did rely on God help Jesus overcome temptation?
5. How did His experience of temptation prepare Him for ministry?