

# **SERMON FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2013**

The First Chinese Church of Christ in Hawai'i (UCC)

## ***Lent 1 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

7:45 & 10:30 Worship Services

Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; **Luke 4:1-13 (Focus)**

Message: ***"Lent 1: Wilderness Times are Maika'i!"***

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# Gathering in the Word

## Hearing the Word

### Luke 4:1-13 2011 New International Version 2012

#### *Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness*

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,<sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.<sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.<sup>6</sup> And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.”<sup>7</sup> If you worship me, it will all be yours.”<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”<sup>9</sup> The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here.”<sup>10</sup> For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; <sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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## **Doing the Word**

So on this First Sunday in Lent, what is the Word of God for us?

- 1. ONE – Desert Experiences (vision quests, retreats) are not all bad!**
- 2. TWO: It's not the BIG MOMENTS OF LIFE that get us down into sin.**
- 3. THREE: The answer to sin is not less sin, it is to grow in grace and love!**

## **Sent in the Word**