

**Declaration of War**  
**Let's Go**  
**Mark 1:12-13**  
**1-17-21**

**Satan Attacked Jesus':**

1. Identity.
2. Physical needs.
3. Emotional struggles.
4. Desires for us.
5. Relationship with the Father.

**How Jesus Won Spiritual Battles:**

**I. Empowered by God's Spirit.**

*Mark 1:10 – “And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.”*

*Mark 1:12 – “The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.”*

**Deserts are places of:**

1. Dryness.
2. Disappointment.
3. Discouragement.
4. Discontentment.
5. Disillusionment.

*Zechariah 4:6 (CEV) – “...I am the Lord All-Powerful...don't depend on your own power or strength, but on my Spirit.”*

**II. Engaged Satan with God's Truth.**

*Mark 1:13 – “And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan.”*

*Matthew 4:3-10 – “And the tempter came and said to him...Jesus answered, ‘It is written’...Jesus said... ‘Again it is written’...Then Jesus said... ‘Be gone, Satan! For it is written’...”*

*Psalm 119:47 – “I find my delight in your commandments, which I love.”*

## **Two Applications:**

1. My weakness is God’s strength.

*2 Corinthians 12:9 – “God said to me, ‘...my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore, I will gladly boast of my weaknesses...that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”*

2. Deserts are for intimacy, growth, and training.

*Hosea 2:14-15 – “...I will allure (Israel), and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. And there I will give to her - her vineyards.”*

*Mark 1:13 – “And He was with the wild animals...”*

Tacitus wrote, “[Christians] were covered with the hides of wild beasts and torn to pieces by dogs.” (Speaking of Nero – 64-68 a.d.)

*Mark 1:13 – “...and the angels were ministering to him.”*

*Luke 12:37 (NLT) – “The servants who are ready and waiting for his return will be rewarded...He himself will seat them, put on an apron, and serve them as they sit and eat!”*

## **Going Deeper This Week**

1. What stood out to you from Mark 1:12-13?
2. Why does God choose wilderness places to do His deepest and best work in us?  
Now read Hosea 2:3,14.
3. What does Mark 1:12-13 reveal about the ways God uses to test us and shape us?
4. How did the Spirit lead and empower Jesus in the desert? In His life and ministry?  
How is the Spirit empowering you lately?
5. How has Satan been a liar in your life? How has he declared war on you?
6. What do angels do in our daily lives as we go through this spiritual battle?  
(Hebrews 1:14, 13:2)
7. Pray for victory in the spiritual battles of life so that God will be glorified, and we will impact many people with the good news of Jesus Christ.