



# WALKING IT OUT

## WEEK 5: THE PERSON OF JESUS

### things to think about...

- Look at the three ways Jesus was tempted by Satan. Where in your life are you tempted in the same ways?
  1. He was tempted to trust in his ability to provide for his own needs apart from the Father.
  2. He was tempted to doubt God and not trust him.
  3. He was tempted to worship self or other things instead of God.
- Spend some time this week noticing what tempts you to be your own God and trust in yourself. Do you see any patterns here? Share this with a friend and discuss why this might be.
- How often do you consciously depend on God's Spirit at work in you for strength, power and wisdom? Do you have God's Spirit?
- Think about what it would be like to live the rest of your life without ever sinning... is this possible? Why or why not?
- What parts of Jesus life and character do you wish were more true of you today?

### things to read about...

#### **Beginnings of the Gospels According to Matthew, Luke and John**

Read or listen online: <http://bit.ly/mat1-4> | <http://bit.ly/luke1-4> | <http://bit.ly/john1>

**The Word Became Flesh** John Piper discusses the Incarnation in John 1—from an invisible God, to the law, to Jesus living among us, to Jesus revealing God to us, to God giving us grace.

Read or listen online: <http://bit.ly/piper-word-flesh>

**Who Is This Jesus?** A talk by Tim Keller looking at Jesus' claim to be God and our possible responses.

Listen online: <http://bit.ly/keller-who-is-jesus>

**On the Incarnation** A classic by Athanasius of Alexandria written around 335 to defend the biblical idea that Jesus is God. Read the entire book, with an intro by CS Lewis, online: <http://bit.ly/ath>

**The Spirit-Led Are the Sons of God** John Piper unpacks a section of Romans 8 and what it means to be led by the Spirit. Read or listen online: <http://bit.ly/piper-spirit-led>

**Doctrine of the Holy Spirit** A handout Abe Meysenburg put together for a talk at a Soma Men's Retreat.

Read it online: <http://bit.ly/abe-hs>

**Verses of the Bible to Memorize** (*they'll help you remember some big ideas from this week's story*):

Luke 3:22 "The Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'"

Hebrews 4:15 "We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."