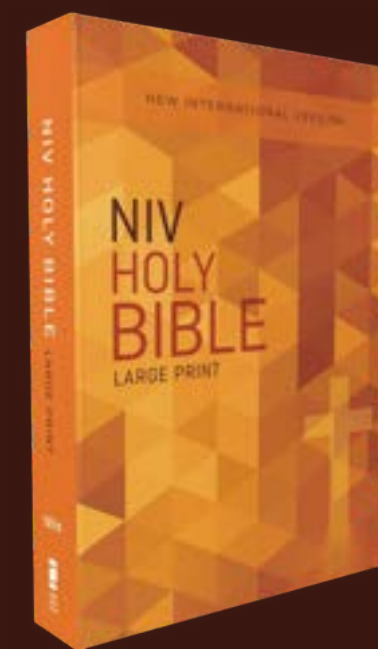


TEMPTATIONS

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



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LUKE 4:1-13

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Mandella Effect

Term coined to describe when a large group of people misremember the same detail or event



Trivia Time

Hope Community Church Edition

*Are you
Ready?*

Question #1

**How do you spell that spray
(like Lysol) that makes things
smell better?**

HINT: It starts with an “F”

Answer

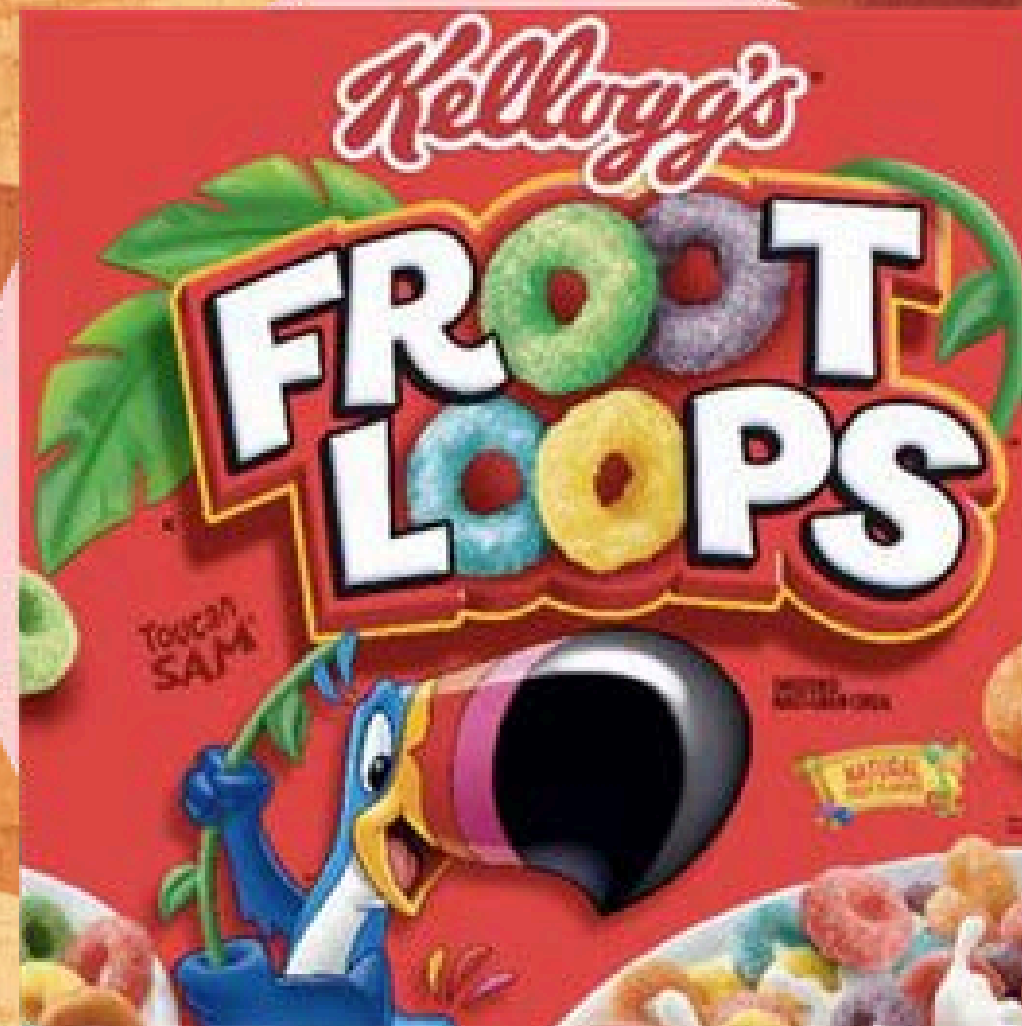
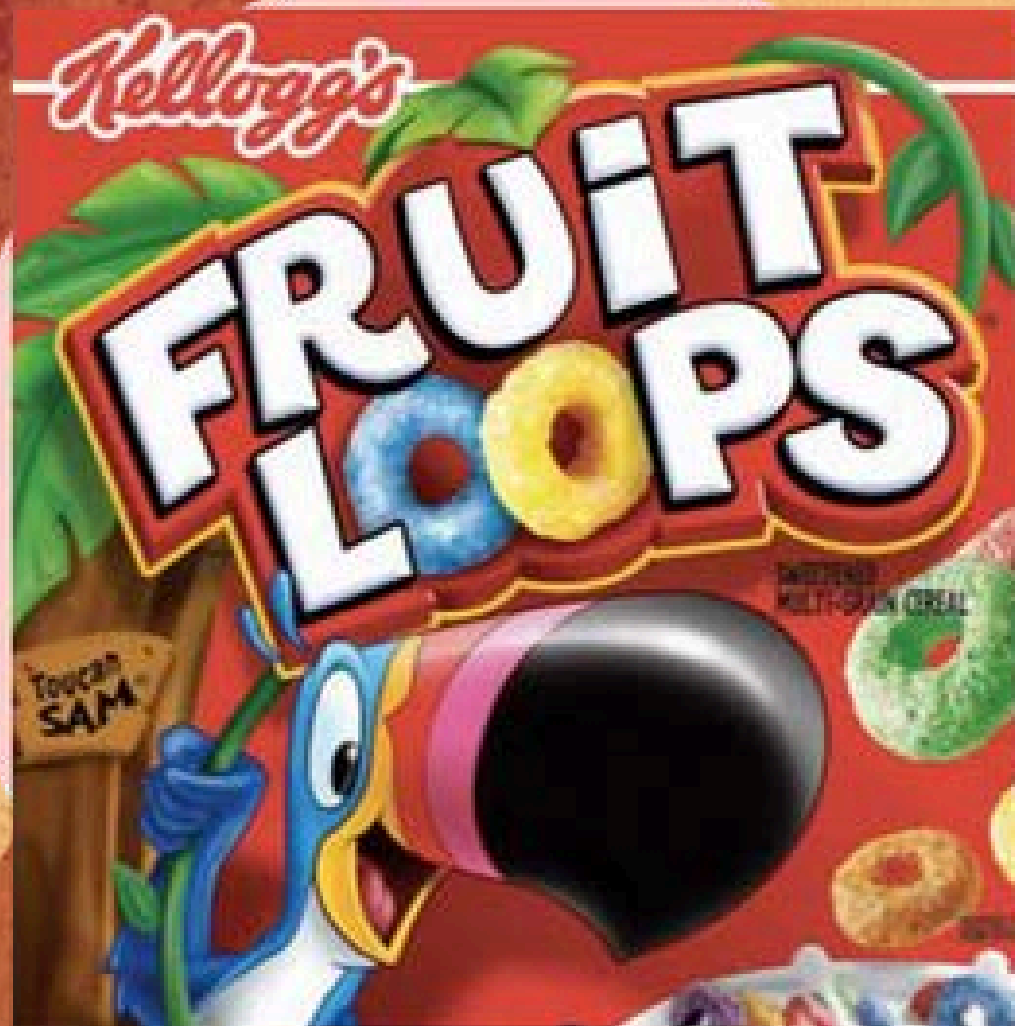


Question #2

**Toucan Sam's cereal that are
colorful rings are called...**

How do you spell it?

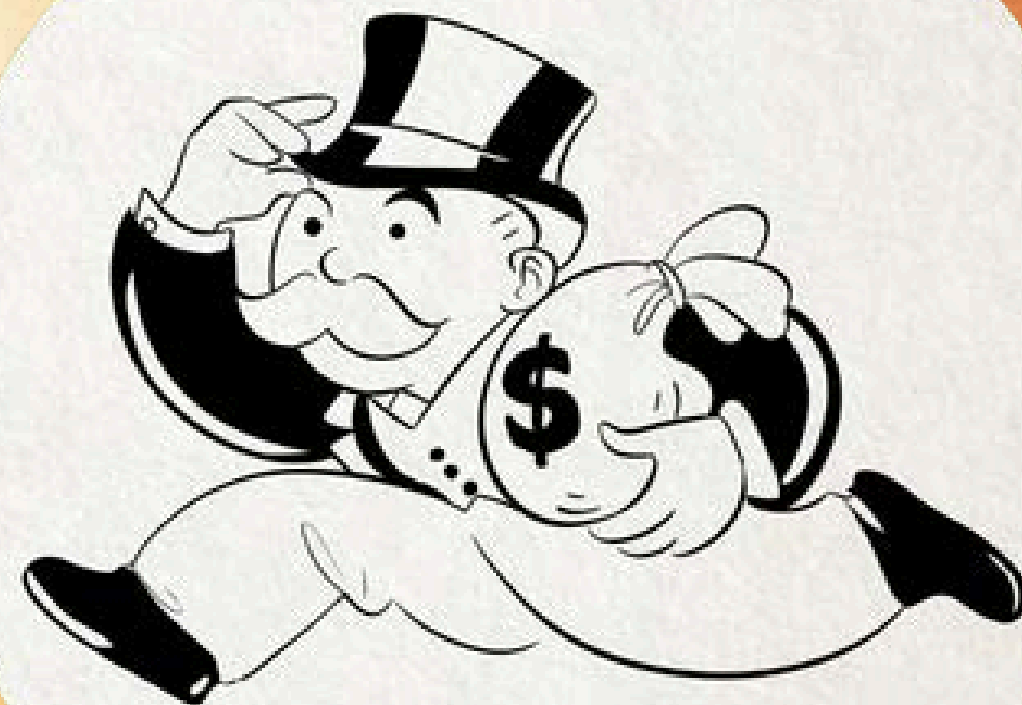
Answer



Question #3

**What does the Monopoly Man
look like?**

Answer



Question #4

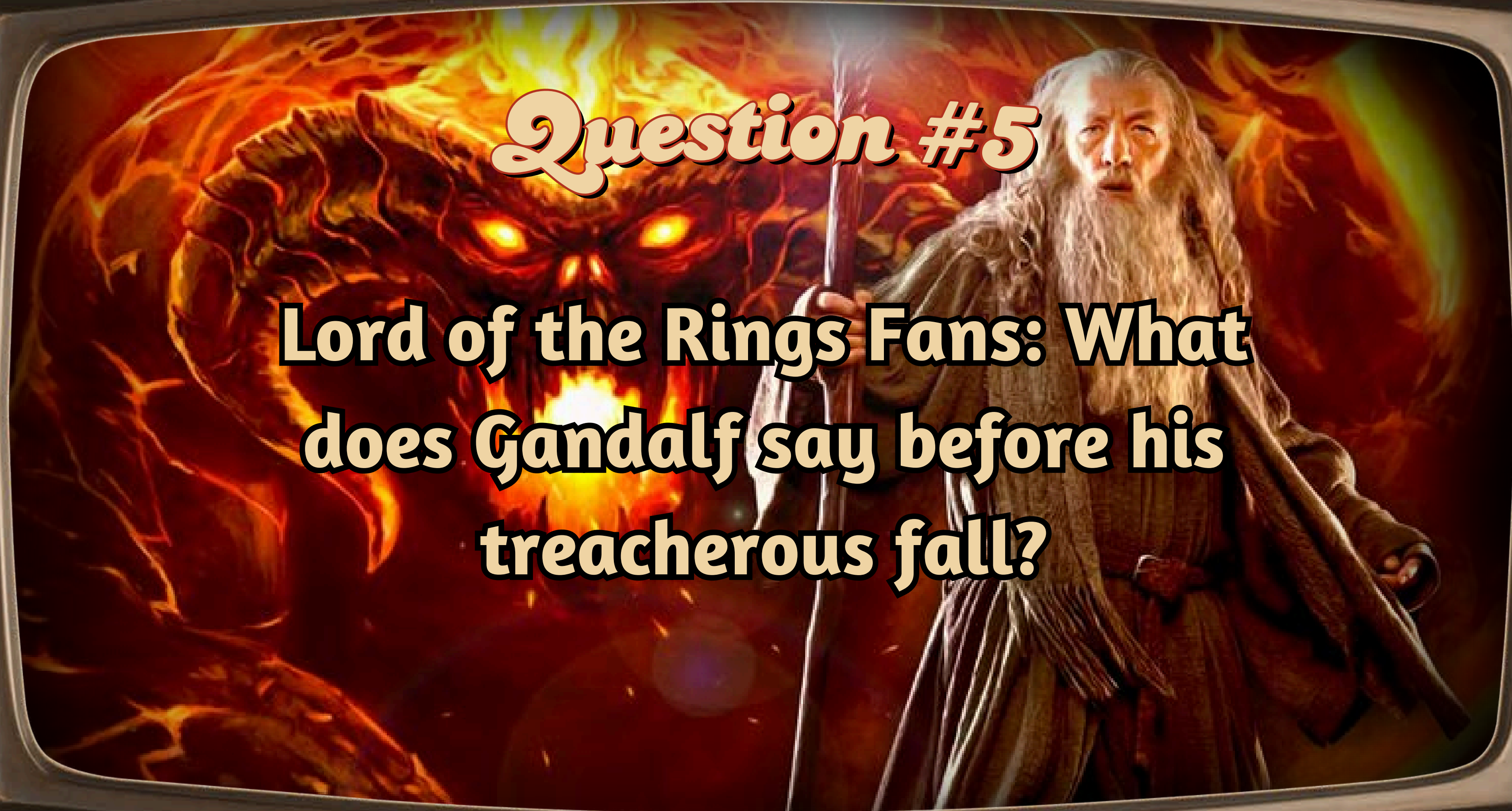
**Fred, Wilma, Barney, and
Pebble are all part of what
cartoon?**

Answer



Question #5

Lord of the Rings Fans: What does Gandalf say before his treacherous fall?

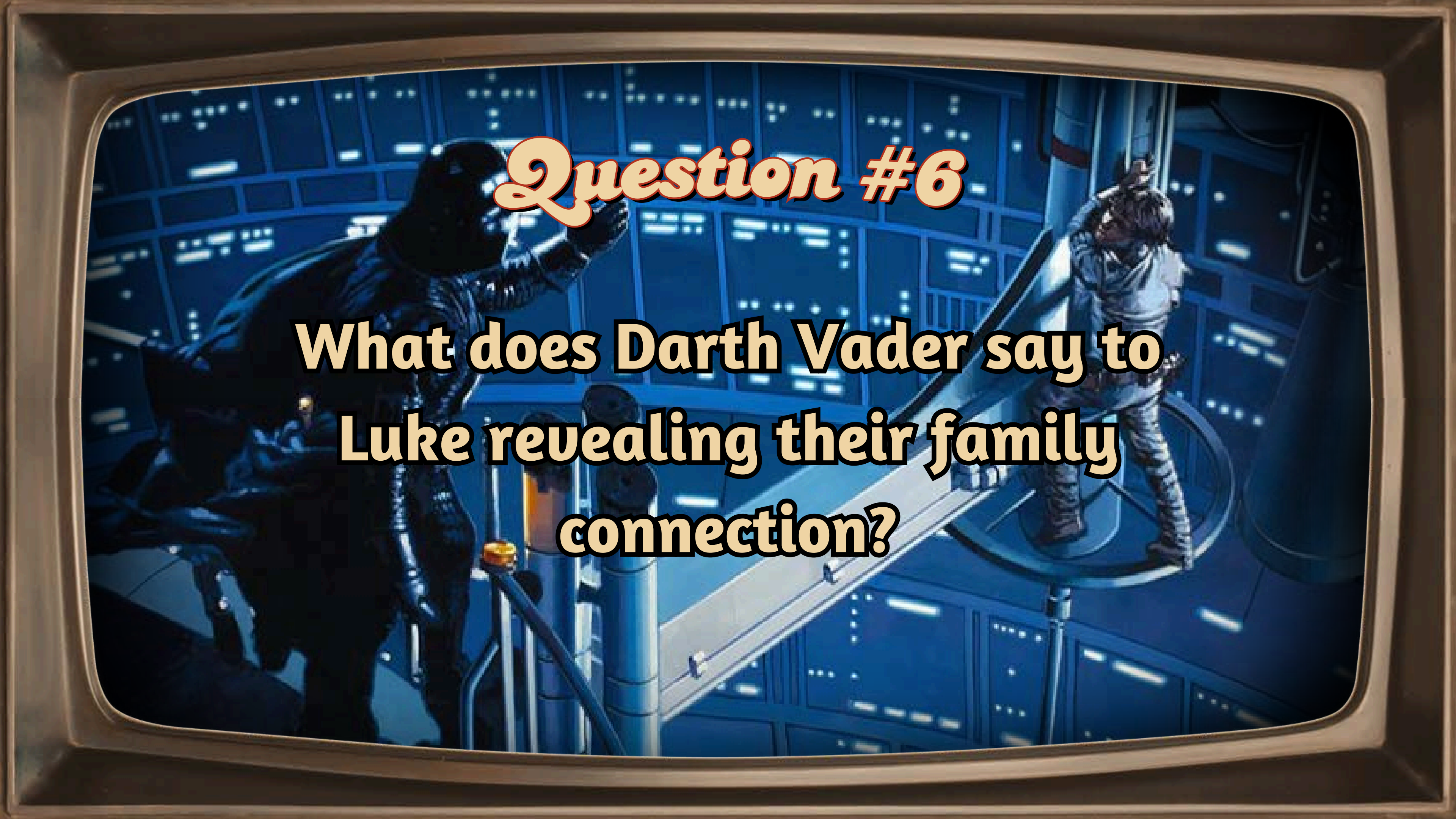


Answer

RUN you fools!

-OR-

FLY you fools!

A scene from the movie Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back. Darth Vader, in his black armor, stands on the left side of a catwalk, looking towards Luke Skywalker. Luke, in his white Rebel uniform, stands on the right side of the catwalk, looking back at Vader. The catwalk is a narrow metal bridge with railings, set against a backdrop of a city at night with many lights visible through the windows. The scene is framed by a brown, slightly worn border, suggesting it's a still from a video or a photograph of a screen.

Question #6

**What does Darth Vader say to
Luke revealing their family
connection?**

Answer

“LUKE, I am your father”

-OR-

“NO, I am your father”

Question #7

How many wisemen were there?

Answer

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem”

(Matthew 2:1, NIV)

Question #8

**How many times did Satan
tempt Jesus?**

Answer

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil...”

(Luke 4:1–2, NIV)

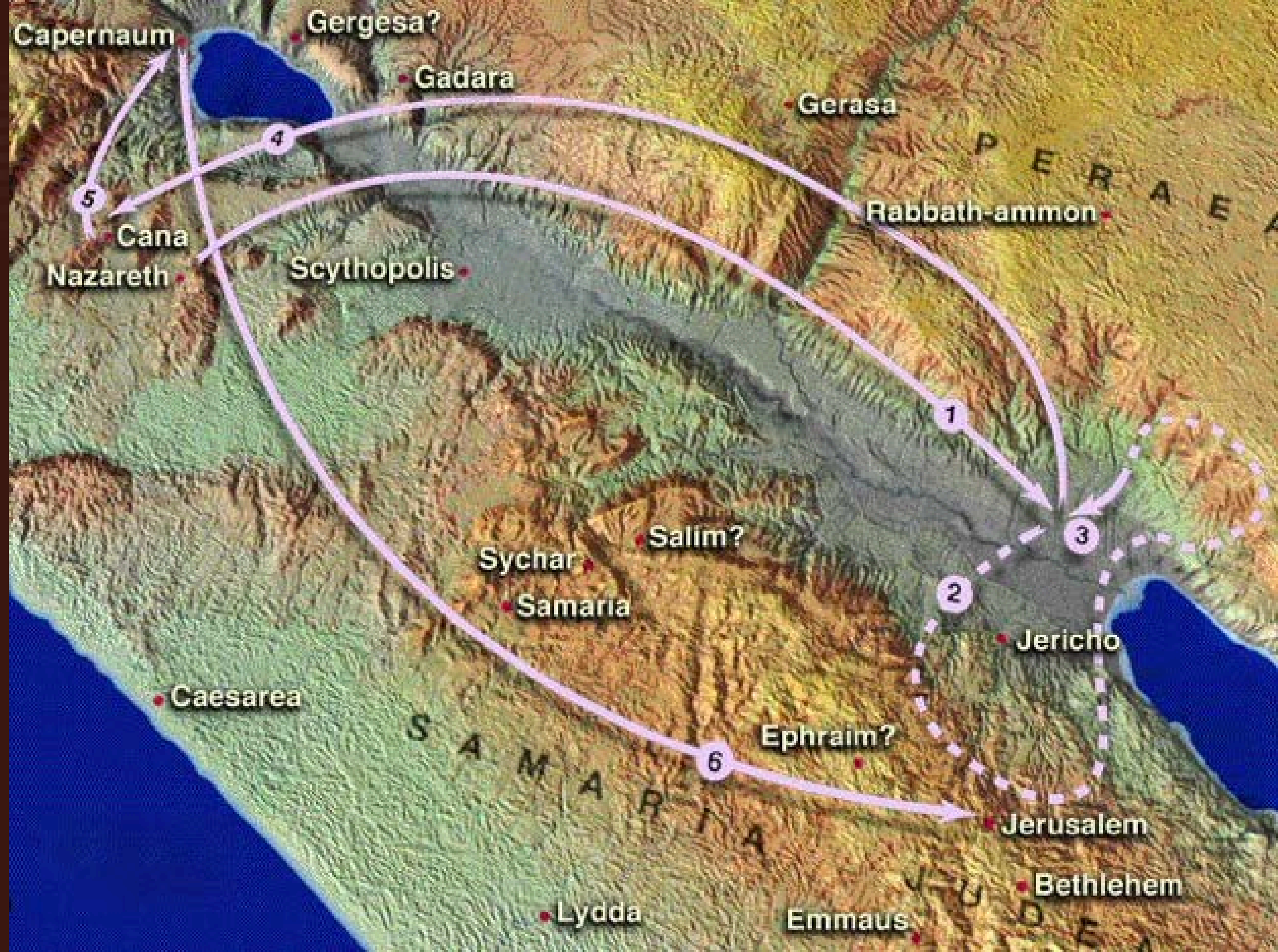
MARK 8:33

(After Peter pulled Jesus aside and told Jesus to stop saying that He would suffer and be rejected and killed) ...he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.””

1 PETER 5:8

“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”

MAP OF JESUS' EARLY MINISTRY



What can we learn from Jesus' testing?

KNOW GOD'S WORD!

Jesus used God's Word to battle every temptation, and we are called to do the same.

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
(Ephesians 6:17)

What can we learn from Jesus' testing?

TRUST GOD!

“Turn stone into bread” is a temptation to do life apart from God. To think that I can survive without his help. I can provide my own bread, my own living expenses...

“Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.”

Deuteronomy 8:2–3



What can we learn from Jesus' testing?

SERVE GOD ALONE!

Satan tempted Christ: “Worship me and you can have everything you want! No cross. No betrayal, no pain, no whipping – just bow before me and you get all the kingdoms of this earth.”

DEUTERONOMY 6:13–15

Fear the Lord your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name. Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; for the Lord your God, who is among you, is a jealous God and his anger will burn against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land.

What can we learn from Jesus' testing?

GOD IS GOOD!

Satan tempted Jesus to put God the Father to the test. Throw yourself off this cliff and see if He will catch you. He needs to prove that He is good!

“Do not put the Lord your God to the test as you did at Massah.” (Deuteronomy 6:16)

Archaeology Nerd Moment





“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”

Romans 8:31–32



What can we learn from Jesus' testing?

YOU CAN HAVE VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION!

“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.”

(1 Corinthians 10:13, NIV84)

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

HomeGroup Questions

1. How does Jesus resist temptation, and what can we learn from His approach?
2. What verses have you worked on memorizing?
3. Describe the three temptations Luke describes. What made them temptations/tests?
4. What are the “other gods” that are temptations in your life?
5. Re-read the four statements about what we can learn from Jesus’ temptation. What stands out to you?
6. If you have time, read 1 Cor 10:1-22. What are the warnings given by the writer of Hebrews?