*Jesus in the desert in ‘threes’…*

*For those who like to think in the following way, the grid below offers us a connection between the ‘3 Temptations’ that we hear of in today’s Gospel and other areas of life which relate directly to them. By seeing these direct links we can better understand how important it is for us to fight temptations and also what a great gift God gives us through his Son. We see that Jesus comes to restore us to God by resisting his temptations and ultimately dying for our failure to resist our own. Jesus restores all areas of the human person and human society up to, and including, our relationship to God. During Lent we are to draw closer to Jesus in his desert experience to find strength and grace in him. When we fail let us seek his mercy and grow in our gratitude for his saving love in our lives.*

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| **3 Temptations of Jesus by the devil** | **To create bread out of stones for his hunger** | **To leap from a pinnacle to show his power.** | **To worship Satan to win the kingdoms of the world.** |
| **Which relate to 3 corresponding ‘isms’…** | **Hedonism** | **Egoism** | **Materialism** |
| **Which St John describes as 3 false loves *(1 Jn 2:16)…*** | **Lust of body** | **Pride of life** | **Lust of eyes** |
| **Which corrupt our 3 capacities…** | **To feel** | **To think** | **To desire** |
| **Which are situated in the 3 central parts of a person…** | **Heart** | **Mind** | **Soul** |
| **Which are meant for the 3 ways of knowing…** | **Religion** | **Science** | **Artistic** |
| **Which should lead us to the 3 virtues of…** | **Love** | **Faith** | **Hope** |
| **Which should reveal to us the 3 attributes of God.** | **Goodness** | **Truth** | **Beauty** |