

# The Wilderness, the Table, and the World

*Luke 4:1–13 · Easter Season, Year C*

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Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness — and shown, three times, the quicker road. Three times he refused it. Not once, but as the pattern of his whole life: in the desert, in Gethsemane, on the cross.

These are five words from this morning to carry into the week. One each day. Sit with them. Let the silence do the rest.

*Where the world breaks,  
we break bread —  
and discover, breaking  
is where love begins.*

GATHERING

*No longer grasping at the easy bread,  
the borrowed throne, the safe way down —  
but choosing the costly, honest thing.*

PRAYER

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*The same road Jesus chose — in the wilderness, in Gethsemane, on the cross. The long road has an address. We know where it leads.*

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*The road shapes the destination.  
No glory without the long  
faithfulness of the journey.*

REFLECTION

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*This was no bread from stone.  
This was bread that was body —  
his body, given for all.*

THE INSTITUTION

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*It doesn't promise glory —  
it promises presence.  
The servant road, walked together.*

THE TABLE

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*This story is not ours to keep.  
It is ours to give.*

SENDING OUT

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**The long road has an address.  
We've been here before. This is it.**

*Live the story this week in the spirit  
that leads us and guides us through.*

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