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2. The tempter of Jesus was a real tempter.
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 - iii. Similarities between Jesus' temptation and the wandering of the Jews in the wilderness
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 - e. Where the First Adam failed the Second Adam succeeded. Where the Children of Israel failed, the Son of God succeeded.
 - f. Because of his temptations we have a high priest who can understand our pitiful weakness and have mercy on us.

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NOW IT IS TIME FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

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