

The **desert**

is a Time and Place of Truth Mt 4:1-11

***Go away, Satan! For it is written:
“The Lord your God
you shall worship;
him alone shall you serve.”***

The Lenten journey begins in the desert: A defining place of faith that runs through all of Scripture as a common thread. Jesus, the beloved Son, could not avoid this anthropological and theological experience: in silence, in hunger, in solitude, he confronts Satan, but also himself, the part of himself that might want to be satisfied immediately, to dominate. And yet, precisely there, he shows all humanity the path to victory, which is obedience, trust in the Father.

This is freedom: not doing whatever one wants, but wanting what is right, good, and true. In Jesus, each of us can find the strength not to fall into delusions of omnipotence or into the traps of selfishness.

