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Jesus is led to four places and because of four reasons. First, into the desert so that he may be tempted, just as a knight goes to a tournament so that he may be tested, Matt. 4[:1]. In which he gave to us the example of innocence, Eph. 5[:1]: “Be therefore followers of God, as most dear children.”

Second, into the temple so that he may be offered up, just as a cleric goes into religion, Luke 2[:27]: “When his parents brought in the child Jesus,” etc. In which he gave to us an example of obedience, Matt. 11[:29]: “Learn of me, because I am meek, and humble of heart.”

Third, to judgment so that he may be examined, Luke 22[:54]: “They led him to the high priest’s house.” In which he gave an example of providence so that thus he may provide for us some answers, so that it may not be a cause of damnation, John 10[:27-28]: “My sheep hear my voice,” and it follows … and I give them life everlasting.”

Fourth, to the gibbet to be crucified, just as a sheep to the slaughter on account of the repast of men, Isai. 53[:7]: “He shall be led as a sheep to the slaughter.” Luke 23[:26]: “And as they led him away,” onto the cross. In which he gave the example of patience, 1 Pet. 2[:21]: “Christ also suffered for us, leaving you an example that you should follow his steps.”