

Series "The King And His Kingdom"
"Tempted By The Devil"
Matthew 4:1-11
Study-6

Matthew 4:1 tempted by the devil.

Jesus faced the enemy as a man, not as the Son of God.

His first word was, **Verse 4 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE,'**

The Power of the Holy Spirit of God (**Matthew 4:1**)

The Power of the Word of God (**Matthew 4:4 "It is written"**)

Hebrews 2:18; 4:15

Thought Of Our Passage: "Jesus Was Tested To Bring Out His Worth, But The Devil Tempted Jesus To Bring Out His Worst."

1. Verses 1-2 Tested By The Father:

2. Verses 3-11 Tempted By The Devil:

1. Verses 1-2 Tested By The Father:

Matthew 4:1 Then

Context - The King was baptized **Matthew 3:16-17**

Jesus being baptized (Introducing the King and His kingdom)

and anointed of the Holy Spirit meant (Jesus was empowered for the ministry).

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness

Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.

The Judean mountains towards the Dead Sea. **Mark 1:12-13**

It has been described in (**1 Kings 19:12**) "***a gentle blowing, a still small voice.***" "God's leading is never in opposition to God's Word."

to be tempted by the devil.

This was a temptation! Jesus is fully divine, and He is fully human.

He is both! If the Son sins, He is disqualified, and Satan is the victor!

Spiritual Triumph Are Followed By Times Of Severe Temptation:

Jesus was tempted as a man! **Hebrews 2:17**

to be tempted by the devil. James 1:13

Tempted or Temptation – Has two meanings.

1. Temptation – "*to bring out the worse, solicitation to do evil, to lead or cause to sin.*" Which Satan is always behind.

2. Temptation – *"to bring out the worth, to test or place or on trial the validity of one's faith."*

Temptation – **21 times** NT and **20 times** have the idea of *"bringing out our worth, to test"*

Hebrews 4:15

by the devil.

The devil is real, not impersonable. Scripture reveals him **174 times** and that is why Scripture is so attacked. Powerful Michael the archangel would not bring an accusation against him – **Jude 9 Devil** – "Diabolos" "Slanderer" **John 8:44**

Satan – "Adversary" *Satan is our adversary and our slanderer; he is extremely intelligent and operates in stealth.* **Ephesians 2:2**

Matthew 4:2 And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights,

The first three to four days you are hungry, then after that you lose your desire for food. Moses – **Exodus 34:28; Deuteronomy 9:9, 19;** Elijah – **1 Kings 19:8**

He then became hungry.

The desire for food then comes back in the thirty-day range.
Signaling that if you don't eat, you will die.

2. Verses 3-11 Tempted By The Devil:

Matthew 4:3

Matthew and Luke record the last three temptations that the Devil tempted Jesus with. 1 John 2:16 (Adam & Eve)

- 1. Stones to Bread – (Self-Preservation) lust of the flesh**
- 2. Leap Off The Temple – (Public-Acclamation) Boastful Pride of life**
- 3. Worship Satan- (World-Domination) lust of the eyes**

Jesus quotes Scripture **three times** to the Devil. **Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:13,16.**

1st Temptation: Verses 3-4 Questioning God's Love and Provision:
(Act Independently of God) lust of the flesh

Matthew 4:3 And the tempter came and said to Him,
Matthew 4:2 He then became hungry.

At your weakest point, Satan comes and tempts us

"If You are the Son of God,

The Devil is not asking Jesus if He is the Son of God.

He is saying *"Since you are the Son of God"* **Matthew 3:17**

command that these stones become bread."

Use your divine power to provide some bread for yourself.

Physical is the most important!

When we put our physical needs ahead of our spiritual needs, we sin.

Matthew 4:4 But He answered and said, "It is written,

Jesus relies on the Word - **Deuteronomy 8:2-3**

Feeding on and obeying God's Word is more important than consuming physical food. (John 4:32-34)

Jesus is saying, "I will not complain or take matters into my own hands because My Father has not met my need in my timetable!"

2nd Temptation: Verses 5-7 Testing God: (Act Presumptuously)

Boastful Pride of life Matthew 4:5 Then the devil took Him into the holy city; This is Jerusalem (Luke 4:9)

and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple,

Royal Portico of Herod, on the South side of the Kidron Valley.

It is a drop of about 500 feet.

Matthew 4:6 "If You are the Son of God "Since you are the Son of God"

throw Yourself down;

(This is to presume on God's will.) To tempt God.

Note the context of this next temptation!

Jesus has quoted Scripture and has said, **"I will take Scripture over food!"**

Satan knows Scripture.

Quotes **Psalms 91:11-12:** God's defense for the righteous

When Satan quoted from **Psalms 91:11**, he omitted a phrase **"in all your ways"**

When the child of God is in the will of God, the Father will protect him.

(Psalms 91:1-4).

1. Out of context. (The use of isolated passages)

2. Add to the Word. (The use of extra Biblical material)

3. Omit from the Word. (Money is the root of all evil, the love of money.)

4. Miss-apply the word. (God wants you to be happy! do what you feel is right.)

Matthew 4:7 Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written,

Back to the Word.

'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'

Deuteronomy 6:16 Testing God Is Not Trusting God!

Context - Moses refers to **Exodus 17:7**: Israel complained because of no water.

The lesson is don't try and force God to act:

**3rd Temptation: Verses 8-11 Abandon Loyalty To God:
(Gaining The Kingdom By Compromise) lust of the eyes**

Matthew 4:8 Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain,
We don't know where this mountain was.

and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory;
Somehow Satan had the ability to show Jesus this perfect world.

Matthew 4:9 and he said to Him, "All these things will I give You,
Satan cannot give what is not his to give!

Psalms 103:19; Daniel 2:37; 2 Corinthians 4:4

if You fall down and worship me." (Shortcut, Crown With No Cross!)

Avoid pain do it the easy way! (Path of least resistance)

The Cross Was Christ's Purpose For His Coming, **Philippians 2:8**

Matthew 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! Literally, "Go away!"

For it is written, Jesus quotes **Deuteronomy 6:13**

Jesus knew that whatever we worship, we will serve.

Deuteronomy 6:13

Moses is warning Israel, who is being tempted to go into idolatry.

Matthew 4:11 Then the devil left Him; Luke says, Luke 4:13

and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him. Hebrews 1:14

Application:

1. Don't Be Taken By Surprise That In Times Of Spiritual Triumph They Are Often Followed By Times Of Severe Temptation.
2. All Believers Can Make The Right Choice: Don't Act Independently Of God; Don't Act Presumptuously; God's Kingdom Is Never Gained Through Compromise.
3. Holy Spirit And The Word Are God's Solution To Temptation. Use God's Word And Let The Spirit Use Us. We Shall Be More Than Conquerors.