

Series "Behold Your King"
"Jesus And The Devil"
Matthew 4:1-11
Part-6

- Mark 1:12-13
- Luke 4:1-13

Jesus used the spiritual resources that are available to us today

The Power of the Holy Spirit of God (• Matt. 4:1)

The Power of the Word of God ("It is written")

We will look at 2 areas in our study

- 1 Verses – 1-2 Tested By The Father
2. Verses – 3-11 Tempted By The Devil

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- Matt 4:1
- Matt 3:16-17

Jesus was tempted as a man! • Heb. 2:17

This seems strange that God would lead Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

- James 1:13

Tempted or Temptation – Has 2 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 of validity of one's faith."*

Jesus was tempted so that every creature in heaven, on earth, or under the earth might know that Jesus Christ is the Conqueror. He exposed Satan and his tactics, and He defeated Satan. Because of His victory, we can have victory over the tempter.

Temptation – 21X In the NT and 20 have the idea of bringing out our

worth, to test. It is natural word!

- *James 1:12-13*
- *Hebrews 4:15*

When we go through difficult times we need to beware lest we turn our trial into a temptation.

by the devil. Devil – "Diabolos" "*Slanderer*"

Satan – "*Adversary*"

- *Eph. 2:2*
- *Matt 4:2*

2. Verses – 3-11 Tempted By The Devil

- *Matt 4:3*

Matthew and Luke record for us, the last 3 temptations that the Devil tested Jesus with. There were many temptations but all that we have recorded are 3.

**Stones to Bread – (Self-Preservation)
Leap Off The Temple – (Public-Acclamation)
Worship Satan - (World-Domination)**

Jesus refers to scripture 3X back to the Devil. He quotes

• **Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:13, 16** It is a passage that deals with Israel's temptation and failures. Jesus quotes more from this book than any other in the Bible. It is called Jesus favorite book.

First Temptation: Verses – 3-4 Questions God's Love and Provision: (Self-Preservation)

- *Matt 4:3*

And the tempter came and said to Him,

- *Matt 4:2*
- *Matt 3:17*
- *Matt 4:4*

- *Deut. 8:2-3*

Second Temptation: Verses – 5-7 A Leap Of Faith: (Public-Acclamation)

- *Matt 4:5*

Then the devil took Him into the holy city; (• *Luke 4:9* Says Jerusalem)

and he 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.

- *Matt 4:6*

- ***Psalms 91:11-12***

- 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.)

- *Matt 4:7*

- *Ex. 17:7*

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

Third Temptation: Verses – 8-11 Abandon Loyalty to God: (World-Domination)

- *Matt 4:8*

When Satan tempts us, he shows us the glory side. Everything will be perfect.

- *Matt 4:9*

and he said to Him, "All these things will I give You, • *2 Cor. 4:4*

- *Matt 4:10*

- *Deut 6:13-15*
- *Matt 4:11*
- *Luke 4:13*
- *Heb 1:14*

Application

1. We all face the same battle: • *Eph 6:12*
2. We all have the same choice: Will we take matters into our own hands or will we stay the course, trusting God? (Self-Preservation)
(Public-Acclamation) (World-Domination)
3. We all can have the same victory: The promise • *1 Cor 10:13*, Jesus said, "It is Written"