

Matthew 4

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The Temptation of Jesus

- 1** Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.
- 2** And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.
- 3** And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.
- 4** But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
- 5** Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,
- 6** And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.
- 7** Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.
- 8** Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;
- 9** And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.
- 10** Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.
- 11** Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Jesus Begins His Ministry

12 Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;

13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

15 The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

²⁴ And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

²⁵ And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Angel — ἄγγελος (Angelos)

Angel, messenger

The Greek **angelos** (ἄγγελος) means angel or messenger. Angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-14), ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11), and will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31).

Glory — δόξα (Doxa)

Glory, majesty, splendor

The Greek **doxa** (δόξα) means glory, splendor, or magnificence—the radiant manifestation of God's perfection. Christ revealed the Father's glory: 'we beheld his glory' (John 1:14).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Gospel — εὐαγγέλιον (Euangelion)

Good news, gospel

The Greek **euangelion** (εὐαγγέλιον) means good news or gospel—the message of salvation through Christ's death and resurrection. It's 'the power of God unto salvation' (Romans 1:16).

Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

Holy — ἅγιος (Hagios)

Holy, sacred, set apart

The Greek **hagios** (ἅγιος) denotes holiness—moral purity and separation unto God. Believers are called 'saints' (hagioi), those set apart for God through Christ's sanctifying work.

Kingdom — βασιλεία (Basileia)

Kingdom, reign

The Greek **basileia** (βασιλεία) means kingdom—both the realm ruled and the exercise of royal authority. The 'kingdom of God' is central to Jesus' teaching, representing God's saving rule breaking into history.

Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

Prophet — προφήτης (Prophētēs)

Prophet

The Greek **prophētēs** (προφήτης) denotes a prophet—one who speaks forth God's message. Jesus was recognized as 'a prophet mighty in deed and word' (Luke 24:19), fulfilling and surpassing the prophetic office.

Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

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Parallel theme: Ezekiel 40:2; John 14:30; Hebrews 2:18. **Spirit:** 1 Kings 18:12; Ezekiel 3:12; 3:14; 43:5; Acts 8:39; Romans 8:14

Matthew 4:2 **Parallel theme:** Exodus 24:18; 34:28; Deuteronomy 9:9; 9:18; 9:25; 18:18; 1 Kings 19:8; Mark 11:12; Luke 4:2; John 4:6

Matthew 4:3 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 3:17; 1 Thessalonians 3:5; Revelation 2:10

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Matthew 4:5 **Temple:** Luke 4:9. **Holy:** Matthew 27:53; Isaiah 48:2; Revelation 11:2

Matthew 4:6 **Parallel theme:** Job 1:10; 5:23; Psalms 34:7; 34:20; 2 Corinthians 11:14; Hebrews 1:14. **References God:** Matthew 4:4

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Matthew 4:8 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 16:26. **Kingdom:** Esther 1:4; 5:11; Daniel 4:30; Revelation 11:15. **Glory:** 1 Peter 1:24

Matthew 4:9 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 72:11; John 16:11; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 Timothy 3:6. **Worship:** Revelation 19:10

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Matthew 4:15 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 9:1

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Light: Job 10:22; Isaiah 9:2; Jeremiah 13:16; Micah 7:8; Luke 2:32. **Darkness:** Job 3:5; 34:22; Amos 5:8. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 44:19

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Matthew 4:25 **References Jerusalem:** Luke 6:17. **Parallel theme:** Mark 5:20; 7:31

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