

Jesus Is Tempted

After fasting forty days, Jesus is tempted by Satan in the wilderness. He defeats every temptation with Scripture.

Matthew 4:1-11 • Luke 4:1-13

CHARACTERS: Jesus, Satan

THEMES: Temptation, Scripture, Victory, Obedience

THEN JESUS WAS led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.'

Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you."'

Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.'

Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."'

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Jesus faced every category of temptation—physical desire, pride, and power—and defeated each with the Word of God. Where Adam failed in a garden of plenty, Jesus succeeded in a barren wilderness. He shows us that Scripture is our weapon against temptation.

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