



TRIALS & TRIUMPHS

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

Matthew 4:1-11

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1. Trust _____ (vv.1-4)

Matthew 4:1-11

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, " 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' " 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6 and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, " 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and " 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.' " 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.' " 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, " 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.' " 11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him. (ESV)

2. Don't _____ (vv.5-7)

3. Submit _____ (vv.8-11)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about LifeGroups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups or email us at info@compasshillcountry.org.

1. What is one observation you found particularly helpful from this week's sermon?
2. Read [Matthew 4:1-4](#) & [Psalm 119:9-16](#). How did Jesus, despite significant fleshly weakness, keep his focus on God's will?
 - a. Read [1 Corinthians 10:13](#). How does Christ's example of conquering temptation teach Christians, who are, by God's grace in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to focus on God's will in moments of great temptation?
3. Read [2 Timothy 2:15](#) & [Matthew 4:5-7](#). How did Satan abuse scripture to fit his own narrative?
 - a. How did Jesus respond in [Matthew 4:5-7](#)?
 - b. What can you do to ensure that your use of scripture is aligned with God's will and not your own narrative?
4. Read [James 4:7-8](#) & [Romans 10:1-3](#). What does submitting to God look like?
 - a. How does submitting to God and His word become both a protection and a guide against the schemes of Satan and your own sinful proclivities?
5. Read [Matthew 4:8-11](#) & [Revelation 11:15](#). How did Jesus model that "the right things in the wrong order are still wrong?"
 - a. Where in your life are you in danger of putting the right things in the wrong order?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

February 5th

Exodus 37-38 & Matt 23:23-39

February 6th

Exodus 39-40 & Matt 24:1-22

February 7th

Leviticus 1-3 & Matt 24:23-51

February 8th

Leviticus 4-6 & Matt 25:1-30

February 9th

Leviticus 7-9 & Matt 25:32-66

February 10th

Leviticus 10-12 & Matt 26:1-19

February 11th

Leviticus 13 & Matt 26:20-54

February 12th

Leviticus 14 & Matt 27:1-31

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