

## Jesus' Testing/Temptation

**1** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **2** And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. **3** And the tempter came and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." **4** But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'"

**5** Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand 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, so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.'" **7** Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, 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 things I will give to You, if You fall down and worship me." **10** Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him.'"

**11** Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him.

## Notes



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Key Scriptures : Matthew 4:1-11

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## start reading. read together the main scripture for this study

### Reading #1

In reading these verses of scripture, what would you circle, highlight, or underline as important to know or understand? Is there anything you noticed for the first time?

*What is one word or phrase the Holy Spirit impresses on you? In silence meditate on that.*

## start thinking. ask a thoughtful question

Why do you think the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness for testing/tempting?

Why do you think God gives Satan a role in the testing of Jesus as *the tempter*?

What do you think is the connection between Jesus' **fasting** and His **temptations**?

How does Satan act as *the tempter*?

How does Jesus act as the one *being tested/tempted*?...Is there a difference between being tested and tempted?

## start sharing. engage it with your story

### Reading #2

*What do you feel? What specific situation in your life today relates? Write down a prayer or pray quietly.*

*What did the Holy Spirit speak to you personally about during the sermon? Was there anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?*

How does the story of Jesus' testing/temptations reflect or represent your own tests of faith or trials of temptation?

What does Jesus' use of Scripture teach you about its importance in understanding how to walk in God's kingdom?

Would you say that you are able to recognize the devil's voice and his ploys to "steal, kill, and destroy" (John 10:10)?

## start practicing. commit to a next step and live it out this week

*What is Christ's personal invitation to you from the Scripture? You can write down what God may be saying to you or a prayer of thanks. Or simply rest quietly in the Spirit of Jesus' presence.*

Is there a place of testing or temptation in your life that you need to be supported and encouraged in to trust God in?

How can you begin or continue to "live on every word that comes from the mouth of God"?

## start praying. be bold and pray with power

prayer requests: