

# The Temptation of Jesus

Lesson 9: Matthew 4:1-11

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# Practical

- Know the enemy
  - Who he is
  - How he operates
- Know ourselves
  - Know our own weaknesses
  - Realize our inability
  - Know our position in Christ
  - Know the help that is available to us

# Words for Satan

- Satan
- Devil
- Evil one
- Accuser
- The ruler of this world
- Prince of the power of the air
- Dragon
- Serpent
- The god of this age
- Beelzebul
- Angel of light
- **Tempter**
- **Enemy**
- **Deceiver**
- **Accuser**



# Tools/weapons of the enemy

- Doubt
- Fear
- Pride
- Power
- Discouragement
- Pleasure
- Self sufficiency
- Physical trials
- Worship of other gods
- Complacency
- Busyness

# Introduction

- Birth of Jesus
- The coming of the magi
- The preaching of John the Baptist
- The baptism of Jesus
- “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

# Outline

- 1-2 Introduction
- 3-10 Temptations
  - 3-4 First temptation
  - 5-7 Second temptation
  - 8-10 Third temptation
- 11 Conclusion

## First temptation

### Matthew 4:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up **by** the Spirit into the wilderness to be **tempted by** the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the **tempter** came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become **bread**.” <sup>4</sup>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.’”

- Temptations come in a context
  - Wilderness
  - Pinnacle of the temple
  - A very high mountain
- These environments seem to lead to the temptation being easier
- The temptations attack
  - Jesus’ humanity: 1, 2
  - Jesus’ deity: 3



## Second temptation Matthew 4:5-7

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>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.’”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “On the other hand, **it is written**, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

- The devil misuses Scripture
- Part of the passage is omitted
- God is to be trusted, not tested
- God’s promises are not commands

## Psalm 91:11-12

LXX:	ὅτι	τοῖς	αγγέλοις
Mt. 4:	ὅτι	τοῖς	ἄγγελοις
LXX:	αυτοῦ	εντελείται	περί
Mt. 4:	αὐτοῦ	έντελεῖται	περί
LXX:	σου	του	διαφυλάξαι
Mt. 4:	σοῦ		
LXX:	εν	πάσαις	ταις
Mt. 4:			
LXX:	οδοῖς	σου	
Mt. 4:			καὶ
LXX:	ἐπί	χειρῶν	αρούσιν
Mt. 4:	ἐπί	χειρῶν	ἀροῦσίν
LXX:	σε	μήποτε	
Mt. 4:	σε	μή	ποτε
LXX:	προσκόψης	προς	λίθον
Mt. 4:	προσκόψης	πρός	λίθον
LXX:	τον	πόδα	σου
Mt. 4:	τόν	πόδα	σου

- Omitted: “To guard you in all your ways.”
- Psalm 91 is about deliverance
- What does the rest of the psalm say?
  - Deliverance because of love for God
  - Calling on God for help

## Third temptation Matthew 4:8-11

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; <sup>9</sup>and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and **worship** me.” <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall **worship** the Lord your God, and serve Him only.’” <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and *began* to minister to Him.

- Expect Satan to not give up
- This is probably the core temptation
- There will be times of refreshing

# The temptations

Temptation	Problem	Remedy
1a: If you are the Son of God...	Prove you are the Son of God	Be confident in what God has said
1b: Turn stones into bread	Real needs are physical	Recognize God will provide physically and spiritually
2a: If you are the Son of God...	Prove you are the Son of God	Be confident in what God has said
2b: Throw yourself off the temple	Turning a promise of God into a command	Don't test God's promises, trust them
3: Worship Satan	No created things is to be worshipped	Worship and serve God alone

# Comparison with other accounts

## Matthew

- 1-2 Introduction
- 3-4 1<sup>st</sup>: bread
- 5-7 2<sup>nd</sup>: **temple**
- 8-10 3<sup>rd</sup>: **kingdoms**
- 11 Conclusion

## Luke

- 1-2 Introduction
- 3-4 1<sup>st</sup>: bread
- 5-8 2<sup>nd</sup>: **kingdoms**
- 9-12 3<sup>rd</sup>: **temple**
- 13 Conclusion

# Summary

- Temptations often come together
- Temptation can happen anywhere
- Temptations are ultimately aimed at our faith in God's goodness
- Do we know the word of God well enough to use it in any situation?
- Scripture is a defense