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The Life and Times of Jesus Christ

Part 4

The Temptation of Jesus Christ

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Matthew 4:1-11

Mark 1:12-13

Luke 4:1-13

Luke 4:1

**Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,
returned from the Jordan River.**

**He was led by the Spirit
in the wilderness,**

Matthew 4:1b

to be tempted there by the devil.

Matthew 4:2

**For forty days and forty nights
he fasted and became very hungry.**

Matthew 4:3

During that time the devil came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread.”

Matthew 4:4

**But Jesus told him,
“No! The Scriptures say,
‘People do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes
from the mouth of God.’”**

Matthew 4:5

Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said,

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**Jesus responded, “The Scriptures
also say, ‘You must not test
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“Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’”

Luke 4:13

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Mark 1:13b

**Jesus was tempted by Satan
for forty days. He was out
among the wild animals,
and angels took care of him.**

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peirazo: test, tempt, trap, examine

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Tempt *Definition*

To bait, incite or motivate someone to do something or acquire something that they find attractive or seductive, especially when they know it is wrong, not beneficial, and comes with terrible consequences.

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The process of evaluating, measuring, or verifying the substance, quality, performance, and/or reliability of something or someone, especially before putting it into widespread use or practice.

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7 Victories/Results

- **Reverses the failure of Adam and the fall of humanity.**
- **Reverses the failure of the Israelites in the desert.**
- **Confirms Jesus' identity and mission as the Savior of the world.**

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- **Confirms that Christ is worthy of bearing all of our sins as the perfect, holy, spotless, and blameless Lamb of God.**
- **Demonstrates for all mankind how to overcome temptation.**

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- Grants us the power to resist temptation thru the Holy Spirit.
- Reveals the heart of the Father as to why He allows Satan to tempt us, even though He has the power to prevent it.

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- **They follow God for the right reasons.**
- **They consistently and continuously seek God on their own.**
- **They live their lives according to what they know about God's Word.**

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- **They navigate life's unknowns (things not specifically mentioned in the Bible) in a way that honors God.**
- **They continue to follow Jesus and grow in their faith long after the influence of their mentor has faded.**

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3 Twisted Realities

- Our desires to have our needs and wants met our way.
- Our desires to manipulate God into action on our behalf.
- Taking short cuts to get what we want, when we want it.

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The Lord will put you through the same test over and over again, until you pass it. If you don't pass it, you will not be able to advance.

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