

The Temptation of Jesus

Matthew 4:1-11

1. Tested or _____?

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

2. 40 days of _____.

Matthew 4:2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

Fasting is: a voluntary abstaining from food for a period of time in order to focus on God. Fasting is a declaration of dependence. It is a way of crying out "God I need You!"

Temptation #1 – Use your own _____ to meet your needs

Matthew 4:3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

- **Genesis 3:6** When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom...

Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

- **Deuteronomy 8:3-4** He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. **4** Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years.

Temptation #2 – _____ God

Matthew 4:5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. **6** "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

- **Deuteronomy 6:16** Do not test the LORD your God as you did at Massah.
- **Exodus 17:7** And he called the place Massah (testing) and Meribah (quarreling) because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Temptation #3 – Forgo the _____

Matthew 4:8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. **9** "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." **10** Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

- **Matthew 16:23** Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

Matthew 4:11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

1. The devil has no _____ over us because Jesus passed the test, died for our failings and rose again. (John 16:11, Romans 6, Romans 8, Ephesians 2:1-16, Colossians 2:13-15, Hebrews 2:14)

2. When we do sin, we have the One who never sinned as our _____ before the Father. (1 John 1:8-2:2)

3. In times of temptation, we can remain strong and _____ the devil through God's Word, His Spirit and prayer. (Matthew 26:41, 1 Corinthians 10:13, James 4:7-8, 2 Peter 2:9)

Next Steps for Growth:

I want to begin to follow Jesus today.

I want to be contacted by a pastor.

I want to be baptized.

I want to become a member.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Change my contact info

Mailing Address: _____

I am a: 1st time guest 2nd time guest Regular Attendee Member (taken membership class & committed to membership covenant)

Fasts in the Bible:

- **Private Fasts – Done by an individual** (*1 Kings 21:4-5, Ezra 10:6, 1 Sam 1:7-8, Matt 4:1-2, Luke 4:1-2, Matt 1:18, Luke 7:4:1-2, Matt 11:18, Luke 7:33, 1 Sam 20:34, Ex. 34:28. Deut. 9:9, Deut. 9:18, Neh. 1:4, Acts 9:9, 2 Cor. 6:5, 2 Cor. 11:27, 1 Sam 28:20, 2 Sam 11:11*)
- **Public Fasts – Called by leaders – OT Sacred Assemblies** (*Judg. 20:26, 1 Sam. 7:6, Est. 4:15-16, Matt. 9:14, Mark 2:18, Luke 5:33, Acts 13:1-3, Acts 23:12-13. Acts 27:33*),
- **Partial Fasts, eliminating some but not all food –** (*Lev. 23:14, Num.6:3-4, Dan 1:12-16, Rom:20-21, 1 Cor. 8:13*)
- **Complete fasts – no food or water (not recommended)** (*Exodus 34:28, Deut. 9:9, Deut. 9:18, 1 Kings 19:8, Ezra 10:6, 1 Sam 30:12, Acts 9:9*)
- **Supernatural fasts –** (*Exodus 34:28, Deut. 9:9, Deut. 9:18, 1 Kings 19:8*) **God empowers a miraculous fast with no food or water for 40 days or more**

Prayer Requests/Praise Items: _ Put this on the prayer chain.