

## **Temptations of Jesus**

### **Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13**

“Jesus was tempted so that every creature in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might know that Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_.” Warren Wiersbe (John 16:33; Col. 2:15)

“Then (“\_\_\_\_\_” Mark 1:12) was Jesus (“being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was” Luke 3:1) led up of the Spirit (“\_\_\_\_\_ him” Mark 1:12) into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil (“and was with the wild beasts.” Mark 1:13). <sup>2</sup>And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights (“he did eat nothing: and when they were ended,” Luke 4:2) he was afterward an hungered.” Matthew 4:1-2

#### **The Scene Set**

A. “led up of the Spirit into the wilderness” –

- “immediately” –
- “driveth him” –
  
- “wild beasts” –

B. “fasted forty days and forty nights” –

<sup>3</sup>And when the \_\_\_\_\_ came to him, he (“the \_\_\_\_\_” Luke 4:3) said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones (“this stone that it” Luke 4:3) be made bread. <sup>4</sup>But he answered and said, It is written, (“That” Luke 4:4) Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” Matthew 4:3-4

**Temptation #1 – Category of \_\_\_\_\_ Appetites (Questions God’s care and love)**

#### **Devil’s Temptation:**

- “If thou be the Son of God,” –
- “stones be made bread” –

#### **Jesus’ Answer:**

- “It is written” –
- “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God –
  
- Jesus’ Priorities –

*“When we put our physical needs ahead of our spiritual needs, we sin.  
When we allow circumstances to dictate our actions, instead of following God’s will, we sin.”  
Warren Wiersbe*

**“<sup>5</sup> Then the devil taketh him up (“he brought him” Luke 4:9) into the holy city (“Jerusalem” Luke 4:9), and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down (“from hence” Luke 4:9): for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning (“over thee, to \_\_\_\_\_” Luke 4:10) thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. <sup>7</sup>Jesus (“answering” Luke 4:12) said unto him, It is written \_\_\_\_\_, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.” Matthew 4:5-7**

**Temptation #2 – Category of Doubting God – (Questions God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to His own.)**

**Devil’s Temptation:**

- “setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple” -
- “If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down:” –
- “He shall give his angels charge concerning thee:” –  
Psalm 91 – God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to the faithful

**Jesus’ Answer:**

- “It is written again,” –
- “Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God” –
- Jesus’ Confidence –

*“It is our privilege as children of God to meet calmly whatever comes to us in His providence.” Shepherd*

**<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world (“in a moment of time” Luke 4:5), and the glory of them; <sup>9</sup>And (“the devil” Luke 4:6) saith unto him, All these things (“this power” Luke 4:6) will I give thee, (“and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.” Luke 4:6) if thou wilt fall down and worship me**

(“all shall be thine.” Luke 4:7) <sup>10</sup> Then saith Jesus (“answered” Luke 4:8) unto him, Get thee hence (“behind me” Luke 4:8), \_\_\_\_\_: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou \_\_\_\_\_.” Matthew 4:8-10

**Temptation #3 – Category of Trusting God’s Plan – (Questions God’s will and \_\_\_\_\_)**

**Devil’s Temptation:**

- “showeth him all the kingdoms of the world” –  
  
“moment of time” –  
  
“glory of them;” –
- “if thou wilt fall down and worship me” –  
  
“all shall be thine.” –
- “for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.” –

**Jesus’ Answer:**

- “Get thee behind me Satan” –
- “for it is written,” –
- “Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God,”
- “and him only shalt thou serve.” –
- Jesus’ Determination –

*“Satan regularly tempts Christians in the same way – with the success syndrome, empire building, or alleged guarantees of health and wealth.” Blomberg*

<sup>11</sup> (“And when the devil had ended all the temptation,” Luke 4:13) Then the devil leaveth (“departed from” Luke 4:13) him (“for a \_\_\_\_\_.” Luke 4:13), and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.” Matthew 4:11

### Comforts from Heaven

- “the devil leaveth him for a season.” –
  
- “angels came and ministered unto him.” –

### Believers Application:

1. The Scripture in I John 2:16, divided sin into three categories.

- “lust of the flesh” –
- “lust of the eyes” –
- “pride of life” –

2. Lessons learned from the Temptation of Christ:

1. The Devil is a real person not an \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Devil is very \_\_\_\_\_ in his ways.
3. Christ used the \_\_\_\_\_ to defeat the Devil.
4. Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ from sinners and able to save us.
5. Christ’s humanness is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Christ gives us an \_\_\_\_\_ in our temptations.
7. God’s plan for Jesus’ ministry is \_\_\_\_\_.