



The Devil, You Say (Jesus)

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Temptation of Jesus

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. ² For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. 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.” 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.’” ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, ⁶ and said, “If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, ‘He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.’” ⁷ Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the LORD your God.’” ⁸ Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ “I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.” ¹⁰ “Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.’” ¹¹ Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

Matthew 4:1-11 NLT

1. Turn stones to bread - Hunger

- Physical desires
- Bible quote: Deuteronomy 8:3
- “Lust of the flesh”

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, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Genesis 3:6 NLT

¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 2:16-17 NLT

2. Test God to break his fall - Ego

- Selfishness
- Bible quotes: Psalm 91:11-12, Deut 6:16
- “Pride of life”

3. Worship Satan to gain the world - Power

- Materialism
- Bible quote: Deuteronomy 6:13
- “Lust of the eyes”

Next Steps:

- Re-read today’s Bible story (Matthew 4:1-11)
- Commit to read my Bible regularly / daily so that I know how God wants me to live
- Commit to fight temptation using God’s Word and strength, keeping my focus on God
- I will fight category #__ temptation by: _____
- _____