



A PLACE TO BELONG
and *Grow*

Welcome
to your home church!



Who is Jesus?

His Temptation

Matthew 4:1-11

1. The encounter occurred immediately after Jesus had been baptized (Mark 1:12).

2. He was “led by the Spirit...”

3. He had fasted for 40 days.

4. The focus of the temptations: *“This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”*

I. YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO IMPROVE YOUR SITUATION (3-4).

A. Don't trust God's Word.

B. Jesus replied by quoting Deut. 8:3.

II. DO SOMETHING SENSATIONAL TO MAKE GOD PROVE HIS WORD (5-7).

A. Put God to the test.

B. Promote Your ministry.

C. Jesus replied by quoting Deut. 6:16.

III. DON'T WAIT ON GOD. REWARD YOURSELF NOW (8-10).

A. How could Satan make that promise?

- The “ruler of this world” (John 12:31)
- The “god of this world” (2 Cor. 4:4)

B. Jesus replied by quoting Deut. 6:13.

KEY LESSONS FOR US

1. Spiritual and moral failure are not caused by circumstances, but by the character and response of the one who is tempted.

Ephesians 6:10-16 – Armor up!

James 1:14-15 – It comes from within us.

KEY LESSONS FOR US

2. We are always better off waiting for and depending on God's gracious provision than trying to selfishly satisfy our desires in ways that disobey or compromise His Word.

3. We will never be free of temptation in this life.

Luke 4:13 - The devil "left Him until an opportune time."

THE FORMULA FOR SURVIVING TEMPTATION

Know God's Word as your defense.

Run to God for help.

Hebrews 2:18 / 4:15-16



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