

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

Matthew 4:1 - 11; Mark 1:12, 13; Luke 4:1 - 13

Although the events which followed Jesus' baptism had definitely established that He was the Son of God, there was one thing yet which was necessary before He was perfectly prepared to enter upon His public ministry. Read about this below:

A. The Cause of Jesus' Temptations: Read Matthew 4:1

1. Who led Jesus to be tempted? Matthew 4:1a _____
2. Who actually tempted Jesus? Matthew 4:1c _____

B. The First Temptation: Read Matthew 4:2-4

1. Where did Jesus' first temptation occur? Matthew 4:1b

2. What happened for forty days before this temptation came? Matthew 4:2a

3. How did Jesus feel after this? Matthew 4:2b

4. What did the tempter suggest that He do? Matthew 4:3b

5. Had God given Jesus supernatural power in order that He might use it to:
 - a. Meet His own needs? _____
 - b. For what purpose was it given? _____
6. What was Jesus' answer to this temptation? Matthew 4:4

C. The Second Temptation: Read Matthew 4:5-7

1. Where did the second temptation take place? Matthew 4:5 _____
2. What did the tempter suggest that Jesus do? Matthew 4:6a

3. Why did the tempter suggest that this would be safe? Matthew 4:6b

4. What would have happened if Jesus had yielded to this temptation? What would the people below have done?

5. What would have happened to God's plan for Him that He should die for the sins of the world? _____
6. What was Jesus' answer to this temptation? Matthew 4:7

D. The Third Temptation: Read Matthew 4:8-10

1. Where did this temptation take place? Matthew 4:8

2. What did the tempter suggest that Jesus do? Matthew 4:9b

3. What did he promise Jesus if He would do this? Matthew 4:8b-9a

4. If Jesus had yielded to this temptation, could He have died for our sins?

5. What was Jesus' answer to this temptation? Matthew 4:10

E. The Results of Jesus' Temptations:

1. Did Jesus yield to any of His temptations? (See Hebrews 4:15)

2. Where did Jesus get the answers which gave Him victory?
Matthew 4:4a, 7a, 10a_____
3. What is Jesus now able to do, because He endured these temptations? Hebrews 2:18

4. In what specific way could Jesus help a person who was being tempted? (*THINK!*)

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Is it necessary for a Christian ever to yield to any temptation? (See 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 2:14)_____
2. How well must I know the scriptures, in order to use them successfully in overcoming my temptations? (See Psalm 119:11)
