

Scripture Reading

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“You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”

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Temptation of the Savior

Matthew 4:1-11

Have you ever
been on fire
for God?

Only to be met
with
temptation,
darkness, or
sin?

Job

- Lost his flocks
- Lost his children
- Lost the trust of his friends
- Lost his servants
- Lost the support of his wife
- Lost his HOPE

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall 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 and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.””

Matthew 4:1-11

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.” ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”” ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Matthew 4:1-11 ESV

Jesus in the Wilderness

Satan tempted Jesus 3 times

- Temptation 1:
 - “And the tempter came and said to Him, “if you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But He answered, “It is written, ‘man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God’
 - Tempting Jesus’ humanity.
 - Tempting of the flesh.
 - Deuteronomy 8:3

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- Temptation 2:
 - “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test’”
 - Divinity of Jesus tested
 - Urge to manipulate God
 - Deuteronomy 6:16

Satan tempted Jesus 3 times

- Temptation 3:
 - “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus responded, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.’”
 - Tempted the desire for worldly power.
 - Offered more power than any other person could have.
 - Deuteronomy 6:13

Where did Jesus Find His Strength?

IN GOD'S WORD

- Jesus strength against the temptations by Satan were founded in Scripture.
- Battled back against Satan with the Word of God.
- We too must be equipped with God's Word for the battles we face.

Jesus Knew Who Was Worthy

- Jesus did not justify His own actions.
- He pointed to the Father.
- Showed His faith in the Father.

Jesus Knew What Was Important

- Knew Satan could give Him the world
- Didn't focus on the temporary, worldly desires.
- Stayed focused on the eternal, Heavenly mission in front of Him.