



## #3 Tested

Matthew 4:1-11

### THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

**Matthew 4:1** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “**It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”**” <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>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.”” <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “**Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’**” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>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.”**” <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

#### TEMPTATION #1:

“If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.”

- A challenge to His **IDENTITY**
- A **TAUNT** designed to provoke
- An appeal to **APPETITE**

#### TEMPTATION #2:

“If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down ...”

- Go the **CELEBRITY** route
- Live **RECKLESSLY** and expect God to bail you out

#### TEMPTATION #3:

“All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me”

- Take the **EASIER** way
- Run ahead of God’s **TIMING**
- Worship something other than **GOD**

## RESISTING TEMPTATION LIKE JESUS

1. Jesus was **TOTALLY SECURE** in His Identity
2. Jesus was **DEEPLY COMMITTED** to His Mission
3. Jesus was **STRONGLY FORTIFIED** in God’s Word
4. Jesus was **COMPLETELY SATISFIED** in God Himself

“When I’m not feeling satisfied in God I tend to...”

#### Family Discussion

1. Read Psalm 119:9-11 and talk about how your family can work Scripture into daily life?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. What is the promise here in this verse?
3. Read James 1:2-4. When we face trials, what should our attitude toward them be?

#### Bible Reading Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Luke 20    | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Luke 24       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Luke 21    | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Deuteronomy 1   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Luke 22   | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: Deuteronomy 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Luke 23 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Deuteronomy 3   |