



The Temptation of Jesus

After Jesus was baptized, he was led by the Spirit into the wilderness and for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Jesus fasted during those forty days. That means he didn't eat anything during that time, and of course, at the end of the time he was very hungry.

Satan saw this as an opportunity to tempt him again. He said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." Jesus answered, quoting from the book of Deuteronomy; "It is written, ' Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God'".

Next the devil took Jesus up on a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in just a moment. Then he told him that he had been given the authority to give those kingdoms to anyone he wished

Remember, the devil is a liar. God rules in the kingdoms of men and it is He who gives power to the people He wants to have that power. Satan told Jesus that if he would worship him, he would give him all those kingdoms.

Jesus replied, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Again Jesus is quoting from the writings of Moses in Deuteronomy.

Satan tries a third time. He brought Jesus to Jerusalem and took him up to the highest part of the temple and told him to jump off. He said that angels would come and lift him up so that he wouldn't be hurt.

The devil even starts quoting scripture now. He quoted from Psalm 11 , "For He shall give His angels charge over you to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God!'"

Satan gave up and left him, but he would return later.

*The story of the temptation of Jesus can be found in Luke 4:1-13.*

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