

The Temptation of Jesus in the Desert

Read: [Matthew 4: 1-11](#)

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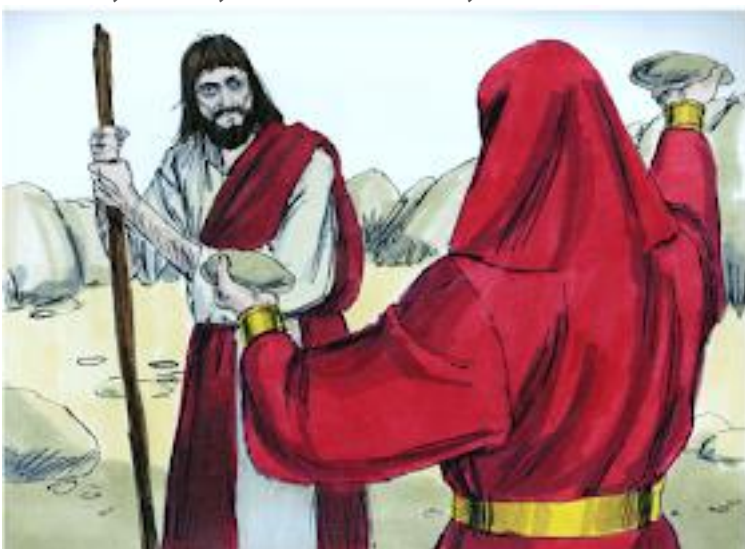


Review: Last week we studied the baptism of Jesus. Jesus went to the Jordan River. He found John and wanted John to baptize Him. Jesus had never sinned, but He needed to show by example what God wants us to do. They went in the Jordan River and John baptized Jesus all the way under!



Scripture is Matthew 4:1-11 Mark 1:12-13 Luke 4:1-13. After Jesus was baptized, He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. It's the desert. He will be tempted by Satan. Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights. That means He didn't eat ... anything. Think about that!

After that time, (40 days) He was hungry. Satan came to tempt Jesus. Discuss how He must feel, tired, hot, miserable, etc.



#1 Satan said "If you are the Son of God, command

these stones to become bread Jesus told him that bread isn't the only thing that you need to live on, you need the Words of God also.

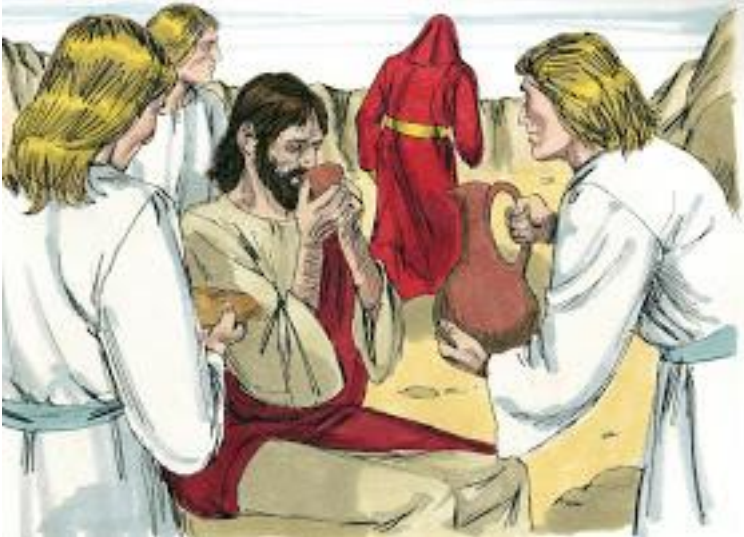


#2 Satan took Jesus up into the Holy City and put Him at the top of the temple. He said “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down and let the angels save you” Jesus answered this time saying Again, Do not tempt the Lord. (The Holy City is the highest point of the temple in Jerusalem)



#3 Now Satan took Jesus up to a really high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the

world. Satan told Jesus that I will give You all these things if You will fall down and worship me. Well, Jesus answered by telling Satan to go away! You should only worship the Lord your God and only serve Him! Remember, this is our Bible scripture for today. One of the 10 commandments is You shall have no other gods before Me. (Exodus 20:3)



Finally, Satan left Jesus and angels came and ministered to Him.

Remember that Jesus said NO to temptation. He was weak, tired and hungry and could have given in, but He didn't. God expects us not to sin and that means staying out of trouble and doing what our parents tell us to do.