

One2024 Lent
“A Fighting Messiah”
Matthew 4:1-11
February 18, 2024

Matthew 4:1-11 is a story about **Jesus**, not us. It is not a story that outlines the principles of how Christians should resist temptations.

Sermon Points:

- 1. God led Jesus to the experience of being tempted by the devil (verse 1)**
 - A. Matthew is asking us: Will Jesus succeed and overcome where Israel succumbed and failed?
- 2. To understand the temptation of Christ, we must first understand the original Temptation of Adam and Eve.**
 - A. The 3 foundational ways Satan uses to tempt humanity:
 - 1) Materialism
 - 2) Lust
 - 3) Pride
- 3. The 3 temptations Satan set upon Jesus.**
 - A. Temptation 1: Stone to Bread (vs.3-4) – This shows **Materialism**.
 - B. Temptation 2: The Temple (vs.5-7) – This shows **Pride**.
 - C. Temptation 3: The World (vs.8-10) – This show **Lust**.
- 4. Satan’s temptations challenged Jesus’:**
 - A. **Identity** – Turning stones into bread to prove he is the Son of God.
 - B. **Value** – Having God do something miraculous to save him from falling.
 - C. **Acceptance** – Bowing down to Satan in exchange for the World.
 - D. In the end, Jesus rebukes all of Satan’s temptations in the name of God. The Words of the Father had become an inner part of his being that not even the master of lies could turn him away from the Lord.

Jesus is fighting temptation for us. An invitation waits for us to say
Thank You Jesus

“For if, by the sin of one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ”. ~ Romans 5:17

