

Digging Deeper Study
God's Kingdom Come – The King's Victory
Week of October 5, 2025

<p>The King's Victory Matthew 4</p> <p>4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted ^v by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."</p>	<p>"In essentials, unity; (1 Corinthians 12:12-13) in non-essentials, liberty; (Romans 14:1) in all things, charity." (John 13:34)</p> <p>Sermon QUOTE Statement: Jesus invites us to follow Him and learn from Him. As we do, He shows us how to live by faith and how we can transform the world around us. Let us keep looking to Jesus, because He alone has the words of Eternal Life.</p> <p>Opening Question:</p> <p>Where do we notice times of temptation in our life? When do you tend to be the most vulnerable?</p> <p>Read Matthew 4:1-11</p> <p>The Spirit of God lead Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.</p> <p>How is it that Satan tempts – and God can test at the same Time? What is the difference between Satan's tempting and God testing?</p>
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⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

" 'He will command his angels concerning you,

and they will lift you up in their hands,

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do 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 splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Notice the three different names of the devil here. He is called devil, tempter, and Satan. – the Devil and Satan mean Slanderer, or accuser. And tempter is self explanatory. How are these names accurate for Satan? How do they fit his character?

Compare and contrast the nation of Israel in the wilderness to Jesus in the Wilderness.

The tempter first attacks Jesus' flesh -

Why does Jesus not turn the stone to bread?

Would it have been wrong for Jesus to turn the Stone into bread?

Consider Proverbs 23:1-3. How does this wisdom apply to this situation?

Jesus resists the temptation of the Flesh. Satan moves on to a Spiritual temptation.

How does Satan misrepresent Scripture?

Do we ever feel the temptation to misuse Scripture? How can we combat that temptation?

What does Jesus do to refute this temptation?

How does He succeed in correctly interpreting Scripture?

Finally Satan offers Jesus the Kingdoms of the world, without the heavy price. How was this offer a deception?

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were

How does Satan try to trick us with temptations?

What is Jesus’ defense against all of these temptations?

How can we learn from Jesus in this?

Matthew thinks its important to recognize fulfilled prophecy in Jesus’ life.

How does Jesus fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah 9:1-7.

Is it important for us to recognize how Jesus’ fulfills prophecy? How does it help our faith?

Why is it important to recognize “From that time on” with Jesus’ message?

What do you think of when someone says Repent?

Why do we need to understand Jesus’ message?

casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. ²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. ²⁵ Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

How have you Repented in your life?

How did the fishermen, Repent at Jesus’ call?

What was Jesus’ instruction for these new disciples to do?

What was Jesus’ role in these instructions?

What would Jesus do for them?

How does’ Jesus’ healings show us that Jesus’ message is true?

Do you think people respond to Jesus’ message as readily as they seek him physical healing?

Why do you think that is?

How can we help Keep Jesus’ message at the forefront of our minds?

Take prayer requests
And Close in Prayer.