

“Temptation”
Matthew 4:1-11
January 27, 2021

Scripture Introduction:

I. The Battlefield (vv.1-2; Hebrews 4:15; James 1:13)

A. Satan’s motive

B. God’s Purpose

- Jesus is the New Man (Romans 5:18)
- Jesus is the True Son (Exodus 4:22-23)

II. The Temptations (vv.3-11)

A. Self-Gratification (v.3; Deuteronomy 8:3)

- The enemy’s tactics
- Jesus’ response

B. Presuming upon God’s Word (vv.5-6; Psalm 91:11-12; Deuteronomy 6:16)

- The enemy’s tactics
- Jesus’ response

C. Self-Exaltation (vv.8-10; Luke 9:23-24; Philippians 2:5-11)

- The enemy’s tactics
- Jesus’ response

III. The Lessons:

- A. Jesus Is Our Victory!**
- B. Be Ready for Battle!**
- C. Believe, Trust, Live God’s Word!**

Discussion Questions

Knowing:

1. Considering all that you have observed about this passage, how would you summarize Matthew's main aim/purpose in writing it?
2. What additional parallels do you see between Jesus and Adam and Jesus and Israel?
3. Why is it significant that Jesus is the 2nd Adam? Read Romans 5:12-21 and take note of all the ways Jesus is the new and better "Adam".

Being:

1. Of Satan's three temptations in Matthew 4, which one do you struggle with the most and why?
2. List some things that distract you from seeing the spiritual battles all around you. What are some specific ways you can battle your ignorance and apathy toward spiritual warfare?

Doing:

1. What specific promise(s) of God might help you in your battle with temptation(s)?
2. How does resting in the victory of Jesus affect your everyday battle with sin? What can help you cultivate a deep belief/trust in Jesus' victory?
3. Who can you share the good news of the Gospel with today?