

Matthew: The Life & Teaching of Jesus the Messiah

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Key Idea: *The inaugural act of the Messiah was to join battle with our ancient foe.*

Lesson 8 Matt. 4:1-11 The Testing of the King (10-12-25)

I. THE PURPOSE OF THE TEMPTATION / TESTING OF JESUS (4:1-3a)

A. What is a *peirasmos*? _____

B. The temptation underscored the r_____ of Jesus' incarnation.

1. This was a r_____ temptation to s_____.

2. The problem of default *docetism*: _____ (Heb. 2:17)

3. Jesus placed the exercise of his divine knowledge and power at the d_____ of his F_____.

C. The temptation was a _____ by the H_____ S_____

1. It occurred i_____ after Jesus's b_____ and the audible word that had come from the Father declaring Jesus to be _____

Application: Spiritual high points often precede _____

2. The empowerment of the Spirit: _____

3. The leading of the Spirit: _____ (cf. Mark 1:12, the Spirit d_____ him)

D. Jesus is the s_____ Adam who succeeds in a cursed w_____ (the "devastation") whereas the f_____ Adam failed in a sumptuous g_____

E. Jesus' 40 days in the w_____ recalls Israel's 40 y_____ in the w_____

Applications: (cf. Heb. 2:18; 4:14-15)

(1) Our Advocate _____

(2) The fullness of the Spirit _____

II. THE FIRST TEMPTATION (4:3b-4)

A. The Devil speaks: _____

B. Jesus answers: _____ (Deut. 8:3)

• Jesus was tempted to provide for his own material needs a _____ from the p_____ of His Father.

• It was a temptation to doubt the l_____ of His Father.

• P_____ that you really are the Son of God is an attack on the W_____ of G_____

• Jesus sole desire was to do what the F_____ c_____ him.

Applications:

(1) The impossible does not tempt us; we succumb _____

(2) The fundamental issue again (as in the Garden): Has God s_____?

(3) How do we resist?

i. The weapons of our warfare start with_____ (Psalm 119:11)

ii. Spiritual weapons _____(Eph. 6:10-18)

III. THE SECOND TEMPTATION

(4:5-7)

A. The Devil speaks: _____

• Was the Devil twisting Psalm 91? _____

B. Jesus answers: _____(Deut. 6:16)

Application: How we tend to rationalize disobedience: _____

IV. THE THIRD TEMPTATION

(4:8-10)

A. The Devil speaks: _____

B. Jesus answers: _____(Deut. 6:13)

1. Note that the w_____ had already been p_____ to the Son (Psalm 2:7-8)

Application: The siren song of popular culture likewise encourages us to take the p_____ of
l_____ r_____ and c_____ (cf. 2 Tim. 3:12; Matt. 16:24-25)

IV. THE DEVIL DEPARTS & THE ANGELS APPEAR

(4:11)

A. Jesus r_____ the Devil and he d_____ but his temptations did not e_____
h_____.

1. What are some other times the Devil re-appeared? _____

B. How did the angels minister to Jesus? _____