



Series: Dealing with Temptation

Passage Matthew 4:1-11

Title: The Victor of Temptation

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Discussion Starter

What are some of the core things you have learned from Jesus' example of victory over temptation from this sermon?

Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11)

- Read Matthew 3:16-17. Jesus spent the first thirty years of His life living as a normal person with no miracles. He was not born into a lap of luxury but was poor and had a hard life. Why is life so hard? What is God's purpose in making life so hard for us?
- Read Matthew 4:1-4. What is the significance of this first of three ways that Satan tries to tempt Jesus? How does this apply to us? How did Jesus respond to this first temptation? Read Deuteronomy 8:3. Discuss the application of this verse?
- Why did Jesus start off His ministry by being tempted by the devil? How do we as Christians discern if we are being tempted by the devil or not? When is blaming the devil a bad witness to the world? Read 1 John 2:16. What additional insights does this verse give us about temptation?
- What is the connection between Jesus being tempted and Him being our kinsmen redeemer? What attribute of God would not allow Him to just be merciful and restore us back into His family? Read Hebrew 2:14-18. What additional insight can we gain from these verses?
- Read Matthew 4:5-7. What does Satan do differently in this temptation and what area of life as a human is he trying to get Jesus to give in on? How do we see this aspect of temptation entering into the church today? Give some examples.
- What can we learn from how Jesus responds to this second attempt of Satan to tempt Him? How do we guard ourselves from falling into this temptation? Read Luke 6:38, 1 Timothy 6:10 and Proverbs 10:22. Discuss what we can glean from these verses to guard ourselves as Christians?
- Read Matthew 4:8-11. What would have been enticing to Jesus in this third attempt by Satan to tempt Jesus? How does this temptation apply to us today as Christians?
- God has given us certain appetites which are good and allow us to live? How does Satan try to take advantage of these God given appetites and how do we know when we have fallen prey to his tactics? Read James 4:1-4 and 1 John 2:17. Discuss the implication of these verses.
- How has Jesus shown us the most important step in beating temptation, living an abundant life as God has intended for us?
- How did Satan tempt Jesus to boast as he took Him to church? How do we know if Satan has taken us to Church? Read Matthew 6:5-6. Discuss the application to this question.
- In Satan's final temptation of Jesus, in what manner was he trying to pervert Jesus' ministry. How does this apply to the ministries that God has given us?