

# Jesus' Temptation: Overcoming All

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(Mk 1:12-13; Lk 4:1-13)

## 1. *The temptation of Jesus*

- a. Was led by the Spirit
- b. Was tempted by the devil

## 2. *The first temptation: To prove His deity by using His power for personal reasons*

- a. The temptation
  - 1) To secure man's loyalty by His own power
  - 2) To trust Himself and His own ability instead of God
- b. Jesus' answer: Quoted Script.
  - 1) Man needs more than bread
  - 2) Man needs God and His Word to meet needs

## 3. *The second temptation: To prove His deity by the spectacular*

- a. The temptation
  - 1) To test God: See if He will fulfill His promises of Him no matter what sin or foolish thing He did
  - 2) To attract attention by the spectacular and secure the people's following
- b. Jesus' answer: Quoted Script.
  - 1) God is not to be tested
  - 2) God, not the spectacular, is to be trusted

## 4. *The third temptation: To prove His deity by compromise*

- a. The temptation
  - 1) To achieve His purpose by another route
  - 2) To switch loyalties or take a shortcut to secure the people's worship
- b. Jesus' answer: Quoted Scripture
  - 1) Satan must be rejected
  - 2) God alone must be worshipped and served

## 5. *The triumphant victory: Christ conquered the temptation*

- 1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted 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."
- 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does 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 splendour.
- 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.