



JESUS the MESSIAH

IN THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

A Fighting Messiah

Matthew 4:1-11



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**The Messiah resisting temptation equips
us to resist temptation too.**

- The Nature of Temptation
- The Appeal of Temptation
- The Defeat of Temptation

The Nature of Temptation

- Stones to bread - cut corners to make life comfortable
- Jump off the temple - take a shortcut to success
- Worship Satan - compromise to gain power
- All are trying to separate Jesus' power from love

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The Appeal of Temptation

- They speak to the deep desires of our hearts
 - Idol - anything or anyone that takes God's place in your heart
 - Money, job, sex, good family, etc. are "surface idols"
 - "Deep idols" (such as comfort, success, and power) drive us to pursue surface idols

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The Appeal of Temptation

- Temptation speaks to our deepest fears
 - “If I don’t look out for myself, who will look out for me?”
- Temptation invites us to skip the cross
 - It promises the comfort, success, and power God wants to give us without suffering on the way

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The Defeat of Temptation

- Every time Jesus faces temptation, He quotes the Bible
 - His desire for God is deeper than His desire for idols
- Jesus is confident His Father will fight for Him if He refuses to fight for Himself
- Jesus is committed to following God's path for Him, even if it involves death

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The Defeat of Temptation

- We get power to resist temptation by looking to Jesus as our Messiah
- Seeing what Jesus did for us fills us with love for Him that robs idols, fear, and temptation of their power

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