

The Bible Says

Exodus 28:42 Make them linen undergarments to cover their naked bodies; they must extend from the waist to the thighs.

We **all have our issues** with temptation.

3 Preachers and a Priest

Fall in love with the **Word of God**

Temptations of Jesus

1. (1-2a)

Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

Then Jesus left the Jordan, **full of the Holy Spirit**, and was **led by the Spirit in the wilderness** for forty days to be tempted by the devil. **He ate nothing** during those days, and when they were over, **he was hungry**.

Full of the Holy Spirit

Was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted: **He identified with us in temptation.**

For us, the **pressure** of temptation **relents when we give in** – and Jesus never did.

The **most sacred of stories**, this story came **from his own lips**. He must have told his disciples.

2. (2b-4) The first temptation: Turn stone into bread

And in those days **He ate nothing**, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. And the devil said to Him, **“If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”** But Jesus answered him, saying, **“It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’”**

If you are the Son of Man, the devil knew who He was, but he questioned His authority

It is written

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He ate nothing... He was hungry: To tempt a man with food, who had fasted for forty days seems unfair; yet the Father allowed it because He knew Jesus could endure it.

Dr. Luke tells us Jesus was beginning to starve to death.

God will never allow us to be tempted beyond our ability to resist (1 Corinthians 10:13). *No temptation has come upon you except what is common to humanity. But God is faithful; he will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to bear it.*

Look for your way out.

The same temptation comes to us: Do a little something for yourself.

The temptation to eat something inappropriate worked well with the first sinless man (Genesis 3:6), so the devil thought he would try it on the second sinless man.

e. But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'" Jesus countered with Scripture (Deuteronomy 8:3). Jesus reminded Satan of Biblical truth.

Every word of God is more important than what we eat

Jesus was a Spirit-filled, Word of God filled man

Jesus fought this battle with the Bible, the same weapon available to us.

If we don't study our Bible, we are **poorly armed** in the fight against temptation.

3. (5-8) The second temptation: all the kingdoms of this world in exchange for a moment of worship.

So he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. The devil said to him, "I will give you their splendor and all this authority, because it has been given over to me, and I can give it to anyone I want. **"If you, then, will worship me, all will be yours."** And Jesus answered him, **"It is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."**

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If Jesus accepted this, our salvation would be impossible. **He no longer would have been sinless.**

Matthew 16:23 **"Get behind me, Satan!** You are a hindrance to me because you're not thinking about God's concerns but human concerns."

James 4:7: Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

For it is written, "You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve." **For the second time,** Jesus countered Satan's deception with **Biblical truth,** quoting from [Deuteronomy 6:13](#).

4. (9-13) The third temptation: testing God through signs and wonders.

So he took him to Jerusalem, had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here. **"For it is written:** He will give his angels orders concerning you, to protect you, "and they will support you with their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. " And Jesus answered him, **"It is said: Do not test the Lord your God."** After the devil had finished every temptation, **he departed from him for a time.**

Point 3. The Bible Says

The pinnacle of the temple: High place, it was hundreds of feet to the rocky valley floor below.

For it is written: “He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you”: This time, the Devil quoted Scripture in his temptation ([Psalm 91:11-12](#)).

Satan knows how to twist Bible passages out of their context. He is a Bible expert.

And Jesus answered and said to him, “It has been said, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’”

Jesus rejected Satan’s twisting of Scripture.

How does this apply to us? We have to reject the twisting of scripture

1. Satan uses the Bible against us
2. How do we respond to this world we live in?

Very Important, How do we answer questions relating to Creation, Evolution, Miracles, Abortion, Homosexuality, Transgenderism, Women Pastors, Inerrancy

This generation is different from us, they want concrete evidence.

The most educated person is not always the smartest.

How do we defend what we believe? Apologetics

e. Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time: Satan left for a while.

The devil will always come back. He is never finished with you.

We must continually resist him. Many are *so attacked* because they resist *so little*.

Jesus resisted these temptations because Jesus knows what The Bible says

I didn't use the word "knew" there because Jesus is alive.

Can you prove it?