

# Temptation of Jesus

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# Sermon Text

- ✦ **Matthew 4:1–2 (NIV)**

- ✦ 1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

# Sermon Text

- ✦ **Matthew 4:3–4 (NIV)**

- ✦ 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 shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”**

# Sermon Text

## ✦ **Matthew 4:5–6 (NIV)**

- ✦ 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.’ ”

# Sermon Text

- ✦ **Matthew 4:7–8 (NIV)**

- ✦ 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 splendor.

# Sermon Text

## ✦ Matthew 4:9–11 (NIV)

- ✦ 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.

# Central Idea

- Jesus Christ, like every other human being, knew temptation. However, he never yielded to it. The sinlessness of Christ refers to his obedient refusal to give in to temptation. It does not mean that he did not experience temptation himself. He gives us an example to follow.

# Introduction

- ✦ The temptation of Jesus Christ
  - ✦ The temptation to avoid the cross
  - ✦ The temptation to please the crowd
- ✦ The significance of the temptation of Jesus Christ
  - ✦ Believers can identify with Jesus Christ in his temptation
  - ✦ Believers can have confidence in the face of temptation



# The Temptation of Jesus Christ

- ✦ **Mark 1:13 (NIV)**

- ✦ 13 and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

# The Temptation of Jesus Christ

- ✦ The temptation to avoid the cross

- ✦ **Matthew 16:21–23 (NIV)**

- ✦ 21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. 22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

# The Temptation of Jesus Christ

- ✦ The temptation to avoid the cross
- ✦ **Matthew 16:21–23 (NIV) con't**
- ✦ 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, **“Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”**
- ✦ also Mt 26:36–44 ; Mt 27:39–44

# The Temptation of Jesus Christ

- ✦ The temptation to please the crowd
- ✦ **Luke 11:16 (NIV)**
- ✦ 16 Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven.
  - ✦ Mt 12:38–39 ; Jn 2:18 ; Jn 6:30

# The significance of the temptation of Jesus Christ

- ✦ Believers can identify with Jesus Christ in his temptation
- ✦ **Hebrews 2:18 (NIV)**
- ✦ 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

# The significance of the temptation of Jesus Christ

- ✦ Believers can have confidence in the face of temptation

- ✦ **Hebrews 4:15–16 (NIV)**

- ✦ 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

# Conclusion

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# Plan of Salvation — Hear

- Romans 10:17 (ESV)
- 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.



# Plan of Salvation — Believe

- Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)
- 6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must **believe** that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

# Plan of Salvation — Confess

- 1 Timothy 6:12 (NIV)
- 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good **confession** in the presence of many witnesses.

# Plan of Salvation — Repent

- Luke 13:3 (ESV)
- 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

# Plan of Salvation — be Baptized

- Acts 2:38 (NIV)
- 38 Peter replied, “Repent and be **baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

# Plan of Salvation — Steadfast

- Revelation 2:10 (NIV)
- 10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be **faithful**, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

# Plan of Salvation

**Hear**

**Believe**

**Confess**

**Repent**

**Be Baptized**

**Remain Steadfast**