

HIGHER PURSUIT MINISTRIES

WORD ALIVE BIBLE STUDY

Matthew 4 – The Temptation of Jesus

"Victory in the Wilderness"

Theme Verse

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:4

Before We Begin

Tonight's Goal

- Learn practical Bible study tools.
 - Discover how Matthew connects the Old Testament to Jesus.
 - Understand the purpose of Jesus' temptation.
 - Apply Matthew 4 personally.
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Bible Study Tools

Resources Mentioned

- BibleHub Commentary
- Ellicott's Commentary
- Gill's Exposition
- Tim Chester – *Matthew for You*
- Chuck Missler Bible Teachings
- EnterTheBible.org

Notes

Where Did This Story Come From?

According to Ellicott's Commentary, there are three possible explanations for how this account came to us.

Write them below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Which explanation seems most reasonable?

Jesus and Israel

As we study Matthew, we continually see Jesus fulfilling Israel's story.

Complete the chart.

Israel

Jesus

Tested in the wilderness for _____ years Tested in the wilderness for _____ days

Hungry in the wilderness

Called God's son

Failed the test

Big Truth

Jesus succeeds where Israel failed.

Notes:

The Three Temptations

Test #1

Satan's temptation:

Jesus' response:

Scripture Jesus quoted:

My takeaway:

Test #2

Satan's temptation:

Jesus' response:

Scripture Jesus quoted:

My takeaway:

Test #3

Satan's temptation:

Jesus' response:

Scripture Jesus quoted:

My takeaway:

Notice Something...

Every time Satan tempted Jesus...

Identity Before Testing

Before Jesus entered the wilderness, the Father declared:

"This is My beloved Son..."

Why is that significant?

Personal Reflection #1

When life becomes difficult...

I question God's goodness.

I question my identity.

I return to God's Word.

Why?

Personal Reflection #2

Which voice has shaped your thinking this week?

My circumstances

God's Word

How?

Personal Reflection #3

Which temptation do you recognize most?

Satisfying the flesh immediately.

Demanding proof that God is with me.

Compromising to gain something now instead of waiting on God.

What usually triggers this temptation?

Jesus Is the LAST Adam

Jesus was...

Fully human

Tempted like us

Without sin

Victorious

Key Verse

Hebrews 4:15 - *"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."*

Write one thing this verse teaches you.

Mark the Movement

After the wilderness...

Jesus moved from

to

Why?

Fulfilled Prophecy

Matthew says Jesus fulfilled which OT prophecy:

What happened that prompted this movement of Jesus?

My Biggest Takeaway

Closing Reflection

Because I am **IN CHRIST**...

Today I choose to believe that God says I am:

This Week's Challenge

Jesus didn't overcome the wilderness simply to give us an example.

He overcame it as **our Representative**.

His victory is now **our victory** because we are **in Him**.

This week I will...

Memory Verse

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."

Hebrews 4:15

Dig Deeper:

- ➔ Read 1 John 2:15–17 and identify where the "lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and pride of life" appear in Matthew 4.
- ➔ Journal one area where you need to begin fighting from God's acceptance rather than for God's acceptance.