

JESUS DEFEATS THE DEVIL

Matthew 4:1-25

Key Verse: 4:4

"Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." '"

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verses 1-3. Why did the Spirit lead Jesus to the desert? Who is the devil? (Jn 8:44; Jude 6) Why is he called the "tempter"?
 2. How did Jesus prepare to face the tempter? Why? What was the devil's first temptation? Why is the bread problem so serious?
 3. Read verse 4. How did Jesus answer? What can we learn from Jesus' answer about people's real needs? What does Jesus' answer teach us about his faith?
 4. Read verses 5-11. What was the second temptation? How did Jesus answer? What was the third temptation? How did Jesus answer? How does each temptation relate to Jesus' mission? What do Jesus' answers teach us about how to overcome the devil's temptation?
 5. Read verses 12-17. What was the situation when Jesus began his ministry? What was the content of his message? Read verses 18-21. Why did Jesus call disciples? What can we learn here about what it means to be a Christian? Read verses 23-25. How did Jesus shepherd the people? Why is Jesus' coming into the world like a great light?
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