

# JESUS SAYS, “IT IS WRITTEN...”

Matthew 4:1-11

Key Verse: 4:4

**Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”**

1. After baptism, what did Jesus do (1-2)? How does Matthew describe his situation and condition? What does “tempter” tell us about the devil’s nature (3a; Jn 8:44)? Jn 8:44 **“You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”** Why did Jesus confront the devil’s temptation before starting his ministry?
2. What was the devil’s first temptation (3b)? Why are his words so tempting to Jesus, and to us? If we fall into temptation, what happens? Read verse 4. What does Jesus’ answer tell us about human nature and needs? What is most essential for us?
3. What was the second temptation (5-6)? On what basis did the tempter try to persuade Jesus? What does this temptation seek to arouse in us? What does Jesus’ answer teach us about a right attitude toward God and his word (7)?
4. What was the third temptation (8-9)? How did it align with Jesus’ purpose in coming to the world? Why was this temptation so appealing? How did Jesus answer (10)? What can we learn from him?
5. What is common in Jesus’ answer to all three temptations? What is the significance of quoting God’s word? How does Jesus help us, as Savior and by example, to overcome the devil’s temptations and live a victorious life?