



The Devil Tempts Jesus

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Matthew 4:1-11

1st Sunday of Lent

After his baptism, the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert so that God could allow his enemy, the devil, to test him.

For forty days Jesus ate nothing, and by the end he was extremely hungry. The devil tried to get him to do wrong by saying, "If you are really God's Son, why don't you use your power to turn these stones into tasty bread?"

Firmly, Jesus replied, "Scripture says that people need more than bread to live on. They need to obey every word that God has spoken."



Then the devil took Jesus to the highest part of the temple in Jerusalem and again tried to tempt him. "Jump off and see if God saves you! Doesn't Scripture say that God's angels will catch you?" But Jesus answered, "God also says that we must not play games and test him."

Finally, the devil took Jesus to a high mountain so he could see all the world. "I will give you power over it all, if you will worship me as your master."

But nothing would stop Jesus in his mission. "Go away, Satan!" he said. "The only person I will ever serve is the Lord my God."

The devil realized that he could not tempt Jesus, so left him alone. Then God sent his angels to help Jesus recover.

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