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JESUS & THE DEVIL

Matthew 4: 1–11



*I have hidden your word in my heart, that
I might not sin against you.
Psalms 119: 11*

Characters in the story:

<u>Narrator:</u>	Story teller
<u>Jesus:</u>	Jesus
<u>Devil:</u>	The Devil

Introduction: *In this passage we are going to see how Jesus was tempted by the Devil to do things He should not do and we are going to see how Jesus overcame or resisted the temptations so that he did not do what the Devil wanted him to do, but rather did what God, his Father, wanted him to do.*

In this passage Jesus is just starting his public ministry. He is about 30 years old. One of the first things he did was to be baptized by John the Baptizer in the Jordan River.

Jesus Being Baptized

Matthew 3:13-17

Narrator: 13 Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. 14 But John didn't want to baptize him. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?"

15 But Jesus said, "It must be done, because we must do everything that is right." So then John baptized him. 16 After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, and I am fully pleased with him." (? 1)

I John 2: 15-17

15 *Stop loving this evil world and all that it offers you, for when you love the world, you show that you do not have the love of the Father in you.*

16 *For the world offers only the lust for physical pleasure, the lust for everything we see, and pride in our possessions. These are not from the Father. They are from this evil world.*

17 *And this world is fading away, along with everything it craves. But if you do the will of God, you will live forever.*

James 1: 12-18

12 *God blesses the people who patiently endure testing. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.*

13 *And remember, no one who wants to do wrong should ever say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else either.*

14 *Temptation comes from the lure of our own evil desires. 15 These evil desires lead to evil actions, and evil actions lead to death.*

16 *So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters.*

17 *Whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God above, who created all heaven's lights. Unlike them, he never changes or casts shifting shadows.*

18 *In his goodness he chose to make us his own children by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his choice possession.*

Some other Bible verses about temptations

Hebrews 4: 14 - 16

Hebrews 4: 14-16 ... we have a great High Priest who has gone to heaven, Jesus the Son of God. Let us cling to him and never stop trusting him. (? 12)

15 This High Priest of ours (Jesus) understands our weaknesses, (? 13) for he faced all of the same temptations we do, yet he did not sin. (? 14)

16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it. (? 15)

I Corinthians 10: 13

- *But remember that the temptations that come into your life are no different from what others experience.*
- *And God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it.*
- *When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it. (? 16)*

Jesus & The Devil

Matthew 4: 1-11

Narrator: Then Jesus was led out into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit to be tempted there by the Devil. (? 2)

2 For forty days and forty nights he ate nothing and became very hungry. (? 3)

The First Temptation

3 Then the Devil came and said to him,

Devil: "If you are the Son of God, change these stones into loaves of bread." (? 4)

Narrator: 4 But Jesus told him,

Jesus: "No! The Scriptures say, 'People need more than bread for their life; they must feed on every word of God.'" (? 5) & (? 6)



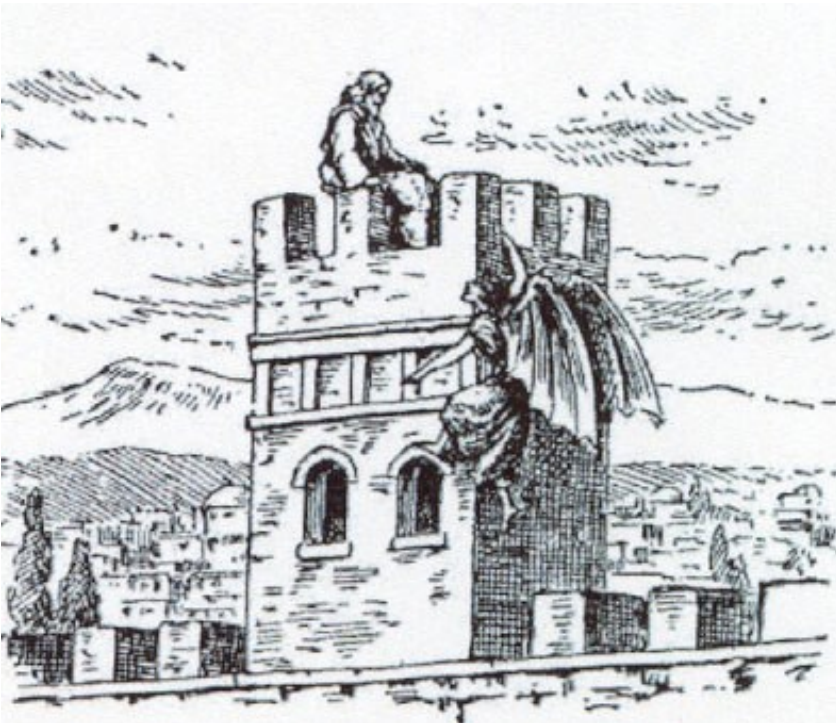
The Second Temptation

Narrator: 5 Then the Devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, 6 and said,

Devil: "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He orders his angels to protect you. And they will hold you with their hands to keep you from striking your foot on a stone.'" (? 7)

Narrator: 7 Jesus responded,

Jesus: "The Scriptures also say, 'Do not test the Lord your God.'" (? 8)



The Third Temptation

Narrator: 8 Next the Devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him the nations of the world and all their glory. (? 9)

Devil: 9 "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will only kneel down and worship me." (? 10)

Jesus: 10 "Get out of here, Satan,"

Narrator: Jesus told him.

Jesus: "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God; serve only him.'" (? 11)



Narrator: 11 Then the Devil went away, and angels came and cared for Jesus.