

## Matthew 4 Jesus Authority over Satan

Matthew 4:1-2. Is Jesus morally fit to reign? How good is He?

- HS brings Jesus into the world, lighted on Him at the Baptism now leads and fills
- Israelites were baptized in the Red Sea and led into the wilderness for 40 years
- Jesus was baptized in the Jordan and led into the wilderness for 40 days
- Jesus consistently reverses and or fulfills Jewish History. Example: Came out of Egypt
- Moses has previously prayed 40 days and nights in the desert. Deuteronomy 9:25 (Elijah)

Is it ok for the HS to tempt Jesus?

- Tempted can also be translated tested and can have a negative or positive connotation
- God cannot negatively “tempt” anyone according to James 1:13-14
- What is the point of a test? To prove something.
- The fasting and prayer by Jesus made him weak/hungry physically but strong spiritually

Matthew 4:3-4. The Original “Thrilla in Manilla”

- Note that the Israelites first test in the wilderness was bread and the garden was fruit
- Tempting Jesus to act in His own power and separate Him from dependence upon His Father.
- How do we depend upon our own power, position and privileges instead of our Father? Note that more power gives more weight to our words. I Timothy 3:11. “Devil Talkers”
- We must know the word in order to combat Satan. Jesus uses Deuteronomy 3x.
- Example: **“I have made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl” Job 31:1**

Matthew 4:5-7. Round Two. Note that Satan knows the word, he uses it with wrong motives.

- Satan is tempting Jesus to question His Father’s Faithfulness. “You will not die”
- What is the difference between presuming upon God and walking in His promises? Example: India Mission Trip. Mexico, no translators. Wisdom. Count the Cost

Matthew 4:8-11. Round Three. Worship Me.

- How can Satan offer Jesus these things? They are his. “Ruler of this World”
- Why is Satan offering Jesus these things? To prevent the cross. Hebrews 2:10
- What is Satan offering you and I to worship him? Promotions get complicated.
- What is Satan taking away in order to get us to worship Him. (Marriage/Jobs/Children)
- “Resist the Devil and He will flee from you” James 4:7

Sonic Takeouts:

1. Read the book of Job in order to know Satan’s power and our fragility/weaknesses.
2. Hebrews 1:14 “Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”
3. Hebrews 4:15. “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.”