

Lesson Guide 8 – The Life of Jesus (Temptation of Jesus)

Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-13

Pre-class Activity – Starter Worksheet (Brainercise Answer: **French Fries/Mashed Potatoes, Who Am I: Felix**)

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Prayer Requests

- Praise
- Thanksgiving
- Concern
- Grow up to be like Jesus

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The Temptations of Jesus

- Jesus goes into the desert to be tempted
 - What is temptation?** - to entice or persuade someone to do something regarded as unwise, wrong, or sinful.
- **First Temptation** – Turning stones into bread. Jesus had been fasting for 40 days and 40 nights.
- Jesus resists the temptation. He quotes Scripture: “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Deuteronomy 8:3
- **Second Temptation** – Highest point of Temple, throw yourself down for God will command his angels to lift you up. Satan quotes Scripture.
- Jesus quotes Scripture: ‘It is also written: Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ Deuteronomy 6:16
- **Third Temptation** – Satan took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. Satan offered these to Jesus if he would bow down and worship satan.
- Jesus quotes Scripture: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.” Deuteronomy 6:13
- The devil leaves Jesus

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The Devil is a Deceiver

Jesus said this of the devil: “Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies” (John 8:44 NASB). It is his very nature to lie, but his lies often carry the appearance of truth; they are packaged in a way that many people believe them.

The Devil is a Tempter

One of the names given to the devil in the Bible is “the tempter” (see Matthew 4:3 and 1 Thessalonians 3:5). Satan works in conjunction with the world system and the sinful nature of man to constantly bring temptation into people’s lives.

Discussion Questions

Question 1: Why is Scripture memorization a discipline that needs to be developed in your battle plan against the Devil?

Question 2: What lessons do you learn from Jesus’ temptations about overcoming your own?