

Title: The King and The Kingdom: Kingdom Life - Part 2

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Big Idea: Behind every temptation is a lie. Temptation always promises to deliver the right thing in the wrong way. This week we looked at the story of Jesus' temptation by Satan. We saw that Jesus' knowledge of the Scriptures enabled him to respond Satan's lies with God's truth.

Passage: Matthew 4:1-11, 17

Discuss It:

1. If you were on a diet, what off-limits food would be hardest for you to resist?
2. **Read Matthew 4:1-2.** We might assume that Jesus was in a very weak state when Satan came to tempt him. The text points out that Jesus was very hungry. But we also know that Jesus drew spiritual strength from disciplines like fasting and solitude. Could it be that Jesus was *especially* prepared for this showdown because of his fasting? If so, what might be the takeaway for us?
3. **Read Matthew 4:3.** "*IF you are the Son of God...*," Satan says. Satan hopes to trip Jesus up by forcing him to prove himself. What temptations do people face that play off of their insecurity in terms of their identity?
4. **Read Matthew 4:4-11.** Each time Jesus is tempted, he responds by quoting a Scripture. Do you have a passage of Scripture that helps you maintain perspective when facing temptation?
5. **Read Proverbs 16:25.** In his message this past weekend, Phil pointed out that every temptation represents a lie. He challenged us to identify one thing we've believed that drives temptation, but is actually false. Have you been able to identify the lie behind a temptation you're facing?

Apply It:

- What is the one thing you need to take away from this study?
- What will help you remember it?
- Is there anything that needs to change in your thinking, actions, or relationships as a result?

90 Days With Jesus Reading Challenge:

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