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Matthew 4

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, *“If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”*

⁴ Jesus answered, *“It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”*

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⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ *“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:*

*“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”*

⁷ Jesus answered him, *“It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”*

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⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ *“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”*

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, *“Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”*

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

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¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ *“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”*

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¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, *“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”*

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ *“Come, follow me,”* Jesus said, *“and I will send you out to fish for people.”* ²⁰ *At once they left their nets and followed him.*

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²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

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²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.

²⁵ Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

- Jesus Passed A Test
- Jesus Began To Preach
- Jesus Issued A Challenge

IMPLICATIONS

- Following Jesus Means Accepting Change

Matthew 7:21

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

IMPLICATIONS

- Following Jesus Means Accepting Change
- Following Jesus Brings Encouragement

John 14:18

¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

IMPLICATIONS

- Following Jesus Means Accepting Change
- Following Jesus Brings Encouragement
- Following Jesus Is An Adventure

