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 - The devil tested/tempted Jesus three times ...

Evangelism In Matthew #5

• 1. "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4.3 • 2. "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written" **4.5-6** • 3. "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." **4.8-9**







- What do we learn about the gospel from the temptation of Jesus?
 - Jesus resisted the devil's tests each time ...
 - 1. "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." 4.4
 - 2. "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God." 4.7 3. "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve." 4.10







- 1 John 2.16 identifies three types of temptation ...
 - "For all that is in the world—
 - 1. the lust of the flesh,
 - 2. the lust of the eyes, and
 - 3. the pride of life –
 - is not of the Father but is of the world."

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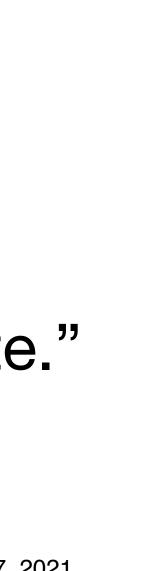
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- Those three types of temptation ...
 - Were present in the Garden of Eden
 - See Genesis 3.6: "So when the woman
 - 1. saw that the tree was good for food, (the lust of the flesh)
 - 2. that it was pleasant to the eyes, and (the lust of the eyes)
 - 3. a tree desirable to make one wise, (the pride of life)
 - she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate."







- Those three types of temptation ...
 - Were present in the **devil's temptation of Jesus** ...
 - 1. "command that these stones become bread." (the lust of the flesh)
 - Would Jesus' desire for food the desire of the flesh outweigh his desire to trust in the promises of God/God's word?
 - The passage Jesus cited, re Israel's hunger in the wilderness, emphasized their need to rely on God and his word/promises first, before their need for food.







- Those three types of temptation ...
 - Were present in the devil's temptation of Jesus ...
 - 2. "throw Yourself down" (pride of life)
 - would have **failed** to trust God and God's words/promises.

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• The devil appears to challenge Jesus' Messianic authority. If you really are the Son of God — and if you have authority to do what you want to do — then surely you have the authority/the right to throw yourself from this high place knowing that you will be safeguarded. By doing so, however, Jesus







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 - Were present in the **devil's temptation of Jesus** ...
 - 3. "All these things I will give You ..." (lust of the eyes)

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 The devil assumed that he had the ability/authority to give Jesus "all the kingdoms of the world and their glory." He did not, but the "visual" — the text says he "showed him" — suggests that this was his line of thought.









- The devil tempted Jesus three times ...

 - All three temptations mirrored ...
 - The three types of temptation described in 1 John 2
 - The serpent's/devil's three temptations of Eve in Genesis 3

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Each attempted — and failed — to violate/break Jesus' relationship to his Father









- and denial of the most basic "good news"/gospel principles ...
 - What are those most basic "good news"/gospel principles?
 - God always provides everything that you/I/we need.

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• All three texts — Genesis 3, 1 John 2 and Matthew 4 — show the devil's rejection

No other being/s and no other thing/s can provide what God provides.

Therefore we must worship God. Only God. And no other being or thing.







- Matthew 4 does not center on ...
 - The death, the burial or the resurrection of Jesus 1 Cor 15.1-4
 - It does **not** tell us of the need to obey the gospel in ...
 - Faith, repentance and baptism Rom 6.1-4
 - It does not reveal all that Jesus did re preaching, teaching and healing Mt 4.23







- Matthew 4 is, however, at the **heart** of the good news of Messiah Jesus because ...
 - At the **heart** of the good news/gospel is this ...
 - God provides everything that we need spiritually

 - We will **never** find everything that we need spiritually **anywhere else** We must, then, worship God and only worship God.
- And all of this is certainly good news!
- At the heart of Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations is this ... • "... authentic love for God exists only when it has no essential rivals." Yarbrough, re 1 Jn 2.15

