

Good News

The Gospel is a

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Evangelism In Matthew #5

“Gospel” in Matthew Chapter 4

- What do we learn about **the gospel** from the temptation of Jesus?
 - **The devil tested/tempted Jesus three times ...**
 - 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**



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- 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**



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- 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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- 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.”



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- 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.



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



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



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- The devil tempted Jesus **three** times ...
 - Each **attempted** — and **failed** — to **violate/break** Jesus’ relationship to his Father
 - 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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- All three texts — **Genesis 3**, **1 John 2** and **Matthew 4** — show the devil’s rejection 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.
 - **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.



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- 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**



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“Gospel” in Matthew Chapter 4

- 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

