

## THE TEMPTATION IN THE WILDERNESS

### Mark 1.12-13:

And immediately **the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness**. And he was there in the wilderness **forty days, tempted** by Satan; and *was with the wild beasts*; and the **angels** ministered unto him.

### Matthew 4.1-11:

Then was Jesus **led up by the Spirit into the wilderness** to be **tempted by the devil**.

And when he had fasted **forty days** and nights, he was **afterward** an **hungered**.

And when *the tempter* came to him, he **said, If thou be the Son of God, command that *these stones* be made bread.**

But he **answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.<sup>1</sup>

Then *the devil* **taketh** him up into the *holy city*, and **setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,**

And **saith** unto him, **If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down; for it is written, he shall give his angels charge concerning thee, and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.**<sup>2</sup>

### Luke 4.1-13:

And Jesus, being full of the Holy Ghost, returned from the Jordan, and was **led by the Spirit into the wilderness,**

Being **forty days tempted by the devil**. And in those days he did eat nothing; and when they were ended, he **afterward** **hungered**.

And *the devil* **said** unto him, **If thou be the Son of God, command *this stone*, that it be made bread.**

And Jesus **answered him, saying, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.**

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<sup>1</sup> Deuteronomy 8.3: He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, with which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

<sup>2</sup> Psalms 91.11-12: For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

**Jesus said unto him, It is *written again,*  
Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.<sup>3</sup>**

Again, **the devil** taketh **him up into an**  
exceedingly **high mountain**, and showeth

**him all the kingdoms of the world, and**  
**the glory of them,**

**And saith unto him, All these things**  
**will I give thee,**

**if thou wilt** fall down and **worship me.**

Then **said Jesus unto him, Get thee**  
hence, **Satan; for it is written, Thou**  
**shalt worship the Lord, thy God, and shalt** worship the Lord, thy God, **and him**  
**only shalt thou serve.<sup>4</sup>**

Then **the devil** leaveth him, and, be-  
hold, angels came and ministered unto  
him.

And **the devil**, taking **him up into an high**  
**mountain**, showed unto **him all the**  
**kingdoms**  
**of the world** in a moment of time.

And the devil said **unto him, All this power**  
**will I give thee, and the glory of them;** for  
that is delivered unto me, and to whomsoever I  
will give it.

**If thou**, therefore, **wilt worship me**, all shall  
be thine.

And **Jesus** answered, and **said unto him, Get**  
**thee behind me, Satan; for it is written, Thou**  
**shalt worship the Lord, thy God, and him**  
**only shalt thou serve.**

And he *brought* him to *Jerusalem*, and set  
**him on a pinnacle of the temple, and**  
*said*

**unto him, If thou be the Son of God,**  
**cast thyself down** from here;

**For it is written, He shall give his angels**  
**charge over thee, to keep thee;**

**And in their hands they shall bear thee up,**  
**lest at any time thou dash thy foot against**  
**a**  
**stone.**

And **Jesus**, answering, **said unto him, It is**  
*said*, **Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy**  
**God.**

And when **the devil** had ended all the temp-  
ting, he departed from him for a season.

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<sup>3</sup> Deut 6.16: Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Massah. (See Ex 17.6-7: [YHWH said to Moses:] I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses . . . called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not? See also Numbers 20.2-13.)

<sup>4</sup> Deut 6.13-14: Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people who are round about you.