

Sunday, January 23, 2022  
"Meet Your King"  
Summary of The Temptations  
Matthew 4:1-11  
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From the high and holy experience of blessing at the Jordan, Jesus was led into the wilderness for testing. The introduction (vv.1-2) tells us a couple of very significant things. First, that He was led by the Spirit of God into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. This is the same Spirit that just descended on Jesus at His baptism, and now he leads Jesus places. This initial place does not look good at first, but by the time we have come to the end of the story we learn that it was good that Jesus had been there. "Jesus was tempted so that every creature in heaven, on earth, or under the earth might know that Jesus Christ is the Conqueror. He exposed Satan and his tactics, and he defeated Satan. Because of his victory, we can have victory over the tempter." Thus, the baptism and temptation at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry are a little like his cross and resurrection at the end. Just as the first Adam met Satan, yet failed in his mission; so, the Last Adam met the enemy (1 Cor. 15:45), yet he prevailed.

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