



## Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

### The Son of God Goes into Battle Feb. 29-March 2, 2020

#### **Matthew 4:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup>"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.'"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

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

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

1. What's the worst fight you've ever been in?
2. Why do you think God allowed/wanted Jesus to be tempted by the Devil? (cf. Heb. 3:14-18; 4:15; Gal. 4:4)
3. What two tactics does Satan employ in the first temptation? (What two things is he trying to get Jesus to do?)

4. In what way does Satan use those same tactics in your life?
5. Can you put v. 4 in your own words?
6. Regarding Satan's 2<sup>nd</sup> temptation, it's been said, "Sometimes the Devil comes with a Bible in his hand." Explain.
7. How does Jesus counter Satan's 2<sup>nd</sup> temptation?
8. In light of Satan's 3<sup>rd</sup> temptation, give an example of something that Satan promises to give you if you serve him instead of God.
9. "Owning a Bible is like owning a handgun." Explain.
10. Agree/disagree: In Matthew's account, Jesus shows us how to resist/overcome Satan's temptations.
11. So, is there any "gospel" in these verses?