

Matthew 4

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4 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. (The Holy Spirit – the Spirit of God)

Luke-10:19 (God gave us power over all of our enemies including Satan. Jesus taught us how to do it by example)

²And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. (In the flesh, Jesus had the same human frailties that we do. HE did that to show us that He took no special privileges or power to Himself. He was hungry and weak from the 40 day fast)

³And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. (the tempter- Satan) (Satan is trying to appeal to Jesus' ego. It won't work. God doesn't have an ego problem, like Satan does)

NOTE: (This is Satan's MO. He finds our weaknesses and then uses them against us)

⁴But 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. Deuteronomy-8:3 (The Word of God – will give us eternal life. The flesh life is meaningless by comparison)

John-1:1 (The Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and walked among us. Jesus is God, in the flesh)

⁵Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, (Satan is a fallen archangel. He has great power, just like Michael does. He will be very convincing when he arrives as antichrist. We need to be prepared to resist his temptations)

⁶And 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.

Psalms-91:11-13 (Satan misquoted those verses to tempt Jesus; lest at any time – is not in that verse. It reads – keep thee in all thy ways. Satan is an intelligent liar. He knows how to use scripture to fool ignorant people into committing sins)

NOTES: (God doesn't put on side shows for foolish people. Throw yourself off of a building and God won't save you. Today we see ignorant preachers handling vipers and drinking poison. They usually die for their foolishness. Mark-16:18 is only a metaphor. It's not meant to be taken literally)

(It is interesting that Satan was the first person whom Jesus taught, when He began His ministry. It didn't help. There is no saving Satan. He lived as the enemy of God, and he will die as the enemy of God)

⁷ Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Deuteronomy-6:16

Numbers-14:22 (The Israelites tempted God in the wilderness 10 times. They paid for it. That generation died in the wilderness. The next generation was allowed to enter the Promised Land)

⁸ Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; (The kingdoms of the world - not the Kingdom of Heaven, because that one is not Satan's to give. The kingdoms of the world are of no value, by comparison, to the kingdom of Heaven)

⁹ And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. (That's what Satan wants)

¹⁰ Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Deuteronomy-6:13

NOTE: (The lesson is – don't argue with Satan. He is smarter than most of us. Just send him away in the name of God. This is believed to be the last time Satan appeared in person, on earth. He will return in person as antichrist at the Sixth Trump of Revelation)

¹¹ Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him. (Satan has to obey God. He is no match for God)

Revelation-12:6-7 (Michael is holding Satan even today, until it is time to cast him out, at the 6th Trump)

¹² Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; (cast into prison = delivered up before Herod, the governor of the province – better translation)

¹³ And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephtholim:

¹⁴ That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, **Isaiah-9:1-2, 6-7 (written 700 BC)**

(This is prophecy for the coming of Jesus as Messiah)

¹⁵ The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephtholim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

NOTE: (Today it is believed that these two tribes ended up founding Poland and Norway)

¹⁶ The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. **(Jesus is the Light of the world)**

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. **(Repent – To turn away from sin; to turn away from the lusts of the world. Then to ask forgiveness for our sins and to live a new righteous life by God's Word)**

(Jesus came to establish a New Covenant with whosoever will believe on Him. Salvation is open to all who choose it. His kingdom is in full force and will continue right up through the eternity)

¹⁸ And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

¹⁹ And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. **(Jesus didn't ask them. HE told them. HE had already chosen these men during the First Age to be His disciples in this Age. They were pre-ordained. They were a part of the Elect)**

²⁰ And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. **(They instinctively knew that that was the right thing to do. This was divine intervention by Almighty God)**

²¹ And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

²² And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him. (They were also pre-ordained in the First Age to serve with Jesus)

²³ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. (Jesus healed the sick to prove to the people that He was God; and not just another preacher)

(Jesus taught publicly in the temple to all who would hear Him. After hearing the traditions of men from the Pharisees, people instinctively knew when they heard the true Word of God from Jesus. This is going to make Jesus an enemy of the Pharisees and the Sadducees)

²⁴ And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them. (the palsy= paralyzed) (lunatick = moon struck – struck by Satan, himself) (possessed with devils = possessed by evil spirits of the fallen angels)

(Nothing or no one is more powerful than God, including Satan)

Luke-10:19 (Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you)

NOTE: (Jesus is the light of the world. Satan is the prince of darkness. Light is symbolic for wisdom and knowledge. Darkness is symbolic for confusion and ignorance)

²⁵ And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan. (The news that Messiah had arrived spread quickly throughout the region. People were starving for truth, wisdom and salvation)