

## Jesus Is... The Tempter Tamer

10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.  
- *Hebrews 2:10; 18*

13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

- *1 Corinthians 10:13*

**Jesus was tempted in a time of need with things that could “make it better”. We are tempted to put good things ahead of God things.**

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness 2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. 3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”

**Our response - God is better than this.**

4 And Jesus answered him, “**It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’**”

**We are tempted by thoughts of instant control and power.**

5 And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, 6 and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”

**Our response - God has got this, timing and all.**

8 And Jesus answered him, “**It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’**”

**We are tempted to pursue wrong things for the sake of a right thing.**

9 And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’ 11 and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

**Our response - God is my “this”.**

12 And Jesus answered him, “**It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’**” 13 And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

- *Luke 4:1-13*