

Morning Lesson

THE TEMPTATION OF CHRIST

Matt. 4:1-4

INTRO:

1. Jesus did not invite temptation.
2. He was readying himself for his work by fasting and prayer.
3. Satan knew he was there and felt this would be good time.

I. THE PRINCE OF PEACE VS. THE MASTER OF MAYHEM.

- A. After successfully tempting man to sin, Satan claimed the world as his.
- B. Christ had come to disprove that claim. **1 John 3:8; Luke 4:18**
- C. Satan had known for a long time that he did not hold absolute sway over the world. **Gen. 3:15**
- D. Satan knew at the birth of Jesus that one had come with a divine commission to dispute his dominion.
- F. Satan heard the voice of God at the baptism and knew that he either must conquer or be conquered.
- G. What does this ancient warfare have to do with me today?

II. THE TEMPTATION.

- A. Some claim that it was impossible for Jesus to sin. **Rom. 5:12-19**
- B. As in Eden, appetite was the first ground of temptation. **Matt. 4:2, 3**
- C. In this first victory there were other issues involved that enter into our conflicts today. **Gen. 3:1-5**
- D. "it is written..." **Deut. 8:2,3; Matt. 6:33**

CONC:

1. Jesus overcame as a man so we can through him. **John 16:33**
2. Jesus rested upon the wisdom and strength of his Father. **Isa. 50:7-10**
3. **It is written** must become our only defense. **2 Peter 1:3, 4**
4. All God's promises are yours. **Psalm 119:11; Psalm 17:4**