

Book Study – Matthew 4:1-17

The Temptation of Jesus and Jesus Begins to Preach



Before We Begin Our Journey...

1. What are some common food cravings?
2. Why are some temptations harder to resist than others?
3. What is the best sermon you have ever heard preached?



Do Some Digging and Pre-planning...

4. Who led Jesus, where was he led and for what purpose? (4:1)
5. How did Jesus respond to the first temptation? (4:4)
6. What offer was made to Christ at the highest point of the temple and how did he respond? (4:6-7)
7. In exchange for worship, what was promised to Jesus and what was Jesus' reaction? (4:9-10)
8. What did Jesus do when He heard the news about John? (4:12)
9. What happened where Jesus relocated? (4:13-16)
10. Why was Christ's move significant? (4:14)
11. What did Jesus do in His new hometown and what was his message? (4:17)



Sort it Out, Organize It, Gain Some Understanding...

12. What role does the Word of God and remembering the Word play in resisting temptation?
13. What temptations are inevitable for most people?
14. What temptations are inevitable for you?
15. What can we do to make temptation more manageable?
16. Why do you think so many of God's people become bold (instead of fearful) during times of persecution?
17. In what ways are your neighbors like the people of Zebulun and Naphtali?
18. How can you help your neighbors come to see the light of Christ?



Application for the Journey...

19. What steps can you take this week to resist the temptations you are facing now?
20. To what places and people do you need to go this week as a light for Christ?
21. In what way can you encourage a missionary today, this week, or this month?

A prayer for your journey...

"Lord Jesus, as I walk through this coming week, help me prepare for my journey by reading my Bible more regularly, seeking help as I need it from my Christian friends and focusing on the needs of others instead of myself. Help me to demonstrate my faith by stepping into the unknown, untried, and untested areas of my life." -Amen



"We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it to you: come with us, and we will do you good..."

-- Numbers 10:29

*ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Temptation

Matt 6:9-13

"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." NIV

Luke 11:2-4

He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation." NIV

Matt 26:40-41

Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." NIV

Mark 14:37-38

Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." NIV

Luke 22:39-46

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation." NIV

1 Cor 10:11-13

These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. NIV

1 Tim 6:6-10

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. NIV