

# Matthew Lesson 03

## 4:1-11 The Temptation of Jesus

*This lesson in the Bible is important because it shows us that Jesus really was tempted in every way and He never gave in to the temptation.*

**Hebrews 2:18**—Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

*Jesus hears our prayers in heaven and He knows how we are being tempted and knows how to give us exactly what we need to help us through any temptation so that we are not destroyed by the devil.*

*When you think of Jesus hearing our prayers, this is Jesus as the High Priest offering prayers for us in heaven.*

1. How could the Son of God be so hungry that the devil could use his hunger against him?
2. In all three of the temptations from the devil what does Jesus use to defeat the devil?
3. How is the way Jesus defeats the temptations of the devil an example for us?

*We can never know too much of God's Word. Nor can we memorize too many Bible passages. Think of every passage you learn as giving yourself a tool, a tool to help you build your life and a weapon to use against the devil who wants to ruin your life in Jesus.*

*Notice also that Jesus did not use His heavenly power as the Son of God to defeat the devil. He used the Bible to defeat the devil and so can we!*

From "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (*Christian Worship* 200 and 201), stanza 3:

*Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done! One little word can fell him.*

4. When might you use the words of 4:10?

## 4:12-17 Jesus Begins to Preach

5. In what region did Jesus preach first? In what city did he work at this time?
6. Look at what John the Baptist said in 3:2. How was the preaching of Jesus different?

*After John was put in prison, Jesus began His work. His message of repentance of sins was no different than the message John spoke. If sin is not removed through repentance, then we cannot be saved and go to heaven.*

#### **4:18-22 The Calling of the First Disciples**

*People become followers of Jesus through the work of Jesus or the Gospel of God calling people to believe and follow Jesus. Our faith is the result of what God does and not the result of our work.*

**Romans 10:14**—How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

7. What are the names of the first four disciples?
8. What word in 4:22 describes how quickly James and John responded to the call to follow which Jesus gave them? What does their example tell us?
9. What did Jesus mean when he said he would make them “fishers of men” in 4:19?

#### **4:23-25 Jesus Heals the Sick**

10. What did Jesus do first when he gathered with people? What did he do next?

*The pattern Jesus followed was preaching first and then miracles. The preaching of God’s Word is used by the Holy Spirit to bring faith into the hearts of people. They trusted in Jesus as the one sent from God, God’s own Son, and then Jesus used His divine power granting miracles of all kinds which strengthened the faith in the hearts and souls of people. Miracles alone are not the beginning of faith.*

11. Locate the various cities and regions on a map. From how large of an area did people come?

#### **5:1-12 The Beatitudes**

*The beatitudes are true statements about what happens to people who follow the Lord. The way people are blessed is through spiritual blessings first and then material or physical blessings. As Christians we value the spiritual blessings more than the material or physical blessings.*

**Matthew 5:8**—“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

12. How do we see God?