

Kingdom Community...The Story of Jesus Christ
“The King’s Temptation” - Matthew 4:1-11
Sunday, November 3, 2013

INTRODUCTION:

A. A Spirit-led Journey (vv.1-2)

1. This was God’s purpose
 - a) **James 1:13**
 - b) **Hebrews 11:17**

2. This was God’s purpose for Jesus
 - a) By the devil
 - b) Under God’s rule

3. This was God’s purpose for sinners
 - a) Jesus associated with men as fully human & weak
 - b) Jesus is the true Moses (**Deut.8:2-3**)
 - c) Jesus is sympathetic to endure with His people

B. A Challenge to Jesus’ humanity (v.3-4)

1. A challenge to sustenance
 - a) Physically
 - b) Spiritually (representative, **3:15**)

2. A response of authority
 - a) The authority of God’s Word (sufficiency)
 - (1) **Deuteronomy 8:2-3; 6:16; 6:13**
 - (2) All during the wilderness experience
 - b) **Deuteronomy 8:2**
 - c) The authority of God over the human condition

C. A Challenge to Jesus’ divinity (vv.5-7)

1. A challenge to divine power
 - a) Distortion of **Psalm 91:11-12**
 - b) Satan’s M.O.

2. A challenge to divine plan

3. A response of authority
 - a) The authority of God over Satan (**Isa.7:12**)
 - b) The authority of God’s truth
 - (1) “Again”
 - (2) “it is written”
 - (3) **Exodus 17:2**

D. A Challenge to Jesus’ position (vv.8-11)

1. A challenge to rule

2. A challenge to worship (no two allegiances)

3. A response of authority
 - a) The authority of presence
 - b) The authority of praise
 - c) The authority over sin & temptation
 - d) The authority over angels (also showing His human need for sustenance)
 - e) The authority of His substitutionary righteousness

E. Application

1. Christ has been tempted in every way that every human has, but without sin

2. Christ was sinless to be our righteousness

3. Christ endured temptation so you don't have to

4. We face temptation and fail (**1 Corinthians 10:13**)

5. Use the Scriptures

6. Christ is King, and He alone is worthy. To become a Christian is to become a worshipper of the one true King...Jesus.