



JESUS

LIONMAN *of* JUDAH

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PART 16: **JESUS OVERCOMES TEMPTATION**

Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13

SATAN'S TWO TYPES OF ATTACKS:

1. He **ACCUSES** us with a lie.
2. He **TEMPTS** us to believe a lie.

JESUS' STRATEGY TO OVERCOME TEMPTATION:

1. **EXPOSE** the lie with the truth (God's Word).
2. **BELIEVE** the truth (and obey it).

1 John 2:16 (ESV)

For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

LIE #1: THE LUST OF THE FLESH

Matthew 4:1-4; Luke 4:1-4

Lie: You can satisfy yourself.

Truth: Only God can satisfy.

The enemy often attacks when we are **WORN DOWN** or after a Spiritual **HIGH**.

LIE #2: THE PRIDE OF LIFE

Matthew 4:5-7; Luke 4:9-12

Lie: Scripture says this...

Truth: Yes, but you're leaving part of it out. It also says this...

The enemy often takes **TRUTH** and twists it.

*Know the **WORD** and obey it!*

LIE #3: THE LUST OF THE EYES

Matthew 4:8-11; Luke 4:5-8, 13

Lie: I have authority, worship me, and I'll give it to you.

Truth: Your authority is not your own. It is given by God, I'll worship him.

The enemy will appeal to your **PRIDE** and offer **SHORTCUTS** to your sanctification.

HUMBLE yourself and let God exalt you when and how he chooses!

HOMework



Open Your Group in Prayer.

Use this as a guide, you don't have to answer every question in your group.

1. **Read Matthew 4:1-11 or Luke 4:1-13.** What stands out to you from this passage?
2. What role does the Holy Spirit play in Jesus' life in this passage?
3. What does it look like to be led by the Spirit for a believer?
4. Discuss each of the three temptations in this passage. For each temptation, what would have been the implications of Jesus yielding to it?
5. **Read Hebrews 2:18 and 4:15.** How do these passages shed light on the significance of Jesus' temptations?
6. **Read Genesis 3.** What similarities do you see between how Satan tempts Adam and Eve and how he tempts Jesus?
7. Do you agree that Satan basically attacks in two ways (accusation and temptation)? Or do you think there are more? Can you point to examples in Scripture?
8. Are there times you find yourself more vulnerable to Satan's attacks?
9. Based on the accounts of Matthew 4 and Luke 4, why is it so important to study and know God's Word?
10. Satan often takes the truth of God's Word and twists it to attack us. What are some ways you've seen Scripture misused?
11. How are you tempted to shortcut God's plan of sanctification in your life?
12. What are some of the lies Satan attacks you with? How can you combat them?
13. **Read James 4:7.** What are some practical ways to resist the devil? Have you found this verse to be true in your life?
14. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. What instruction does Paul give us in resisting the enemy?
15. In light of this week's study, what is one step you can take to resist the attacks of Satan in your life?

Some questions taken from Mars Hill Church Community Group Study Questions: http://marshall.com/files/2008/03/30/20080330_trinity-god-is_document_9214.pdf

6:7 family questions

Just like all of us, Jesus faced temptation. He was even tempted directly by Satan himself.

Read Matthew 4:1-11

- *What ways did Satan tempt Jesus? (vs. 3, 5-6, 8-9)*
- *Did Jesus ever give in to those temptations?*
- *What did Jesus do when Satan tempted him? (vs. 4, 7, 10)*

Jesus responded to Satan's lies with the truth by simply quoting the Bible. Jesus knew what the Bible said, and that helped him know what was right and wrong. But he didn't just know it, he obeyed it. (See Hebrews 4:15)

Talk about a time you were tempted to do something wrong. How did you respond?

Take time to search the Bible together to find a passage that speaks to that particular temptation. (If there's a concordance in the back of your Bible, that can be a big help.) Commit to learning what it says or even memorizing a portion of it so you can remember the next time you're tempted in that way.

Pray together thanking God for his Word, Jesus for his obedience, and the Holy Spirit for his help to overcome temptation.

These simple questions are designed to help you live out the command in Deuteronomy 6:7 to teach our kids and make God's Word a natural topic of conversation in our homes. Use them at the dinner table, in the car, or wherever you find your family together with a few moments to spare.

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF MAY 18, 2014

During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.

Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.

NOTE: *Due to the sensitive nature of some items on the Prayer Guide, we do not publish it online. Email the church office to sign up for the email prayer list: office@wawaseebible.com*