

The Temptation of Jesus

4 1 Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil. **2** Jesus did not eat anything for 40 days and 40 nights. At the end of that time, he was hungry.

3 The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread.”

4 Jesus answered, “Scripture says, ‘A person cannot live on bread alone but on every word that God speaks.’ ”

5 Then the devil took him into the holy city and had him stand on the highest part of the temple. **6** He said to Jesus, “If you are the Son of God, jump! Scripture says, ‘He will put his angels in charge of you. They will carry you in their hands so that you never hit your foot against a rock.’ ”

7 Jesus said to him, “Again, Scripture says, ‘Never tempt the Lord your God.’ ”^[a]

8 Once more the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms in the world and their glory. **9** The devil said to him, “I will give you all this if you will bow down and worship me.”

10 Jesus said to him, “Go away, Satan! Scripture says, ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’ ”

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came to take care of him.

Footnotes

a. 4:7 Or “Never put the Lord your God to any test.”