

THE LIFE OF JESUS

Message 4
Temptation
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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to deepen your faith and stir meaningful conversations with friends and family.

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Opening

If you had a month to drive around the United States, where would you go? Why?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Matthew 4:1-11](#).

1. Why do you think the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness where He was tempted by Satan?
2. Is there any significance to the fact that this testing happened *immediately* after Jesus was baptized and officially began His ministry?
3. What purpose or calling has God given you? What often pulls you away from passionately living this out?
4. In your own words, what is the main point of [Matthew 4:4](#)? What is God trying to get us to understand in this verse?
5. How can temptation strengthen us? For further insight, read [Deuteronomy 8:1-5](#). See also [James 1:2-4](#), [13](#).
6. In order to withstand temptation Jesus relied on God's Word. How does truth equip us to live the way God wants us to live?

7. Name something you are tempted to rely on besides God. What truth from God's word can help you turn from that temptation?
8. Do you ever feel alone in your temptation? Explain.
9. What do these verses teach you about how God helps us when we are tempted?
 - a. [1 Corinthians 10:13](#)
 - b. [Hebrews 2:14-18](#)
 - c. [Hebrews 4:14-16](#)

Soul Training

What is the one most significant truth you think God is trying to show you or teach you from this week's message? Write it down. Read this each day this week. How will your life change because of this truth? Ask God to build in you the *practice of living in the truth*.

Memory Verse

But He answered, "It is written: Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." [Matthew 4:4 \(HCSB\)](#)

Daily Reading

| Day | <i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading # | or | Bible Reference |
|--------|---------------------------------------|----|--|
| Jan 23 | 20 | | Mathew 3:1-12 ; Mark 1:1-8 ; Luke 3:1-18 |
| Jan 24 | 21 | | Matthew 3:13-17 ; Mark 1:9-11 ; Luke 3:21-23 |
| Jan 25 | 22 | | Matthew 4:1-11 ; Mark 1:12-13 ; Luke 4:1-13 |
| Jan 26 | 23 | | John 1:19-34 |
| Jan 27 | 24 | | John 1:35-51 |

Prepare for Next Sunday

The main passage for January 29 is [John 3:1-21](#) (Reading #28 in *The Life of Jesus*).



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