

Study Guide
Matthew 4
The Kingdom Has Come!

Introduction

Why was Jesus led into temptation? Why are we tempted? Can anything good come from the struggle? In this chapter, we will get a close up look at what is behind temptation, how to resist, and the good things that come through the process.

Big Idea: The mess will bless! How to be primed for ministry.

Read each passage and answer the following questions.

1. Matthew 4:1-2

Jesus was “led” into temptation by the Spirit. What?
Why do you think God allows temptation in our lives?

2. Matthew 4:3-4- Lust of the Flesh.

How does this appeal to our flesh, teach us to live in dependence on God to meet our needs?

3. Matthew 4:5-7- Pride of Life.

How does this kind of temptation teach us to learn to follow God in all things?

4. Matthew 4:8-11- Lust of the Eyes.

How does this temptation confront the struggle in us to keep our eyes focused on worshipping God alone?

5. Matthew 4:12-25. Blessed in Ministry.

What are the dynamics around each of these aspects of the ministry of Christ?

Discuss how a person who has been tested is primed for effective in ministry. What does that look like? How does that happen in our lives.

- a. Timing & Purpose (v.12-16)
- b. Authority (v.17)
- c. Multiplication (v.18-22)
- d. Effectiveness (v.23-25)

Message Slides

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A. Tested for Ministry (v.1-11)

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

1. Solidarity
2. Surrender
3. Solidify

1. Lust of the Flesh (v.2-4)

And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Lesson: I depend on God to provide for my needs.

2. Pride of Life (v.5-7)

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and

"On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Lesson: I follow God.

3. Lust of the Eyes (v.8-10)

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

Lesson: I worship God alone!

Recap:

I depend on God.

I follow God.

I worship God alone!

Matthew 4:11

“Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.”

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B. Blessed in Ministry (v.12-25)

¹²Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, “so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

1. Timing & Purpose (v.12-16)

B. Blessed in Ministry (v.12-25)

1. Timing & Purpose

2. Authority (v.17)

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

B. Blessed in Ministry (v.12-25)

1. Timing & Purpose

2. Authority

3. Multiplication (v.18-22)

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

B. Blessed in Ministry (v.12-25)

1. Timing & Purpose

2. Authority

3. Multiplication

4. Effectiveness (v.23-25)

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread

throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them.²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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