

Lesson 4 **The Temptation of Jesus**

Objective: To learn that in every temptation there is God's way and the devil's way, and we (the Christian) must choose God's way.

Background: Jesus was about 30 years old when He was baptized by John (Luke 3:23). At the baptism, Jesus received the power of the Holy Spirit and the approval (the OK from) of the Father to begin His ministry – to save the people from sin. But the devil tempted Jesus, he tried to make Jesus the “hero” of the Jewish nation; but Jesus chose God’s way – to become the Savior of the world.

Instruction: Read carefully Matthew 3:13-17; 4:1-11 once a day during the week.

Let's Think:

- 1. a) What did the devil learn about Jesus at Jesus' baptism? (Read Mt.3:16,17 carefully)
- b) How did the temptation of Jesus come about? When did it happen? (Matthew 4:1)

- 2. a) When did the devil suggest that Jesus turn the stones into bread? (Matthew 4:2,3)
Do you think the devil knows our weak points?
- b) Had Jesus listened to the devil's suggestion? Explain (Matthew 4:4)
Which did Jesus choose to follow (obey): God's Word or the devil's idea?

- 3. a) What trick did the devil use to try to get Jesus to jump some 450 feet from the top of the temple to a valley below? Why? (Matthew 4:5,6 and read 4:4 carefully)
- b) Was Jesus fooled by the devil? How did He silence the tempting sounds of the devil? (Matthew4:7)

- 4. a) What fantastic offer did the devil make to Jesus if only He would pay a little price--"bowing

down" to (worship) the devil? (Matthew 4:8)

- b) Why did Jesus turn down such a "bargain"? Give the reasons. (Matthew 4:10 and read John 8:44 carefully) Whom did Jesus choose to please and worship?

5. What do you learn about the devil from temptation of Jesus:

- a) his nature (character)? _____
b) his ways (method) of tempting? _____
c) his reason (purpose) of tempting people? _____
d) how did Jesus beat (overcome) the devil's temptation each time? _____

By the way, does the devil like you to study the Word of God? If not, why? _____

6. Think how you could be tempted at school this week and think how you would follow the example of Jesus to beat the temptation. Give examples. And ask the Lord Jesus to help you.

Let's Remember: Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)