



## SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **Our King Defeated Satan (Matthew 4:1-11)**

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In Matthew 3, we were introduced to John the Baptist who prepared the way of the Lord as he called people to repent and to bear fruit in keeping with repentance. Then Jesus Christ burst forth onto the scene. The Messianic King that had been prophesied about by the prophets had finally arrived. He was baptized by John and then his Father confirmed that he was the Messiah when he said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Now Jesus is about to begin his earthly ministry, but first he must triumph over the devil during a time of testing in the desert to show his power over sin and Satan. As we study Matthew 4:1-11 this week, we will find that the power to flee from sin and obey God is found only in Jesus Christ and His Word. As Christ trusted in the authority and sufficiency of God's Word, he was able to do what Adam could not do: overcome and defeat Satan. This week we will learn that not only is Jesus able to deliver us from the penalty of sin, he is also able to give us freedom from the power of sin if we abide in him and in his Word.

What you need for this study: Bible, Notebook, Pen

### Individual Bible Study

1. Please read Matthew 4:1-11 and ensure that you've listened to Sunday's sermon.
  - a. Right after Christ's baptism he is led into the wilderness to be tested (v. 1). Who led him into the wilderness? What does this teach us about what someone should expect after they are baptized?
  - b. Verse 2 makes a point of saying that Jesus was hungry. Why is this significant? Why did Matthew think it important to include this tidbit of information about Jesus' state?
  - c. How does Satan put the Word of God on trial in verse 3? How does he tempt Jesus?
  - d. What is Jesus strategy in verse 4 to overcome Satan's test? What verse does he quote and why does he quote it?
  - e. What does Satan do next in verses 5-6? What does this teach us about Satan's understanding of God's Word and how he uses it?
  - f. What does Jesus do to fight back against Satan this time in verse 7? What verse does he quote and why does he quote it?



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- g. What is Satan's final offer to King Jesus in verses 8-9? How does this relate back to Matthew 3:17 & Psalm 2:7-8?
- h. What bible verse does Jesus quote to defeat Satan in verse 10? Why is this significant?
- i. How does Christ demonstrate that he is the better Adam in this passage?
- j. What does this passage teach us about how we can overcome temptation in our lives and resist the devil?

### Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the sermon and the Bible study this week?
2. Satan tempted Jesus when he was hungry and vulnerable. What does this teach us about when we are most vulnerable to temptation and sin? How can we be on guard and vigilant against temptation in these situations?
3. James 4:7 says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." How did Jesus resist the devil in this passage? In light of this, what should we do when we are tempted so that we can resist the devil?
4. Jesus knew God's Word and had an unshakeable confidence in its power. Why is it important to regularly spend time in God's Word? What can we do to better equip ourselves with God's Word in the battle against sin and temptation? How can we grow our trust in the power of God's Word?
5. Jesus not only resisted temptation as an example for us. He did it *in our place*. What does this mean? How is Jesus the better Adam? How does this truth give you hope in your battle against sin?

### Accountability Question

See Psalm 119:11. What is a Bible verse that you can commit to memory to use to fight against a particular temptation/sin in your life?