

The Lord JESUS

HIS TEMPTATION



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This time, a demon would not do, it would have to be Satan himself. After thousands of years, “the Holy One of God” had come down to earth and manifested Himself in flesh and blood. He had decided to dwell among humans and subject Himself to a physical body with earthly limitations; He would be tired, hungry, thirsty... weak. The Devil wanted to take advantage of this limited human body, tempting the Lord in ways previously impossible, hoping He would sin. But no, the Lord Jesus Christ remained—even in a physical body—perfect, and without sin.

History has shown that we humans in a physical body sin easily. Usually, there is no need for specific temptation from the Devil and his angels; sinners seek out sin on their own. Time and again humans sin, and even those who try not to, can't help but do it anyway. Not the Lord Jesus.

Satan tempted the Lord Jesus Christ primarily in three ways. The first was physical: satisfy yourself. Change the stones to bread. It'll taste good, it'll feel good, you'll enjoy it. But the Lord Jesus, He would never sin to satisfy Himself, He could never (Matthew 4.1-4).

Next came the emotional and mental temptation: show yourself. Throw yourself down from the top of the temple, and when the angels save you it will be sensational! People will be in awe of you, they'll think you're the Messiah! The Lord Jesus Christ refused to act outside the will of God. He would not show Himself before God's right time (Matthew 4.5-7).

Finally, He was tempted spiritually: spare yourself. Don't go to the cross! Why suffer? Why obey God? Do your own thing, be your own god. Satan offered Christ the kingdoms of the world in exchange for sin, but Christ would not act against God to avoid suffering (Matthew 4.8-10).

Each time the Devil tempted Him, the Lord Jesus defeated Satan with Holy Scripture saying, *"It is written...."* He depended entirely on God, and unlike the rest of us, there was nothing the tempter could do to make Him stumble. He was perfect, He is perfect, and He will always be perfect. Sin apart.

The reason it's so important to know that Jesus Christ didn't sin is because we, who sin compulsively, need someone to save us from our sin and its

results. And only someone without sin can save us. Because the Lord Jesus Christ never once sinned, He was able to pay for our sins on the cross, and save whoever believes on Him. He is sinless, He died for sin, and only He can save from sin. It is up to you whether you receive the great salvation that He offers or not.



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