

SCTR 27 • Digging Up Jesus
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Synopsis §20¹
Temptation

| Matthew 4:1-11 | Mark 1:12-13 | Luke 4:1-13 |
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| <p>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry.</p> <p>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 proceeds from the mouth of God.'" 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 give his angels charge of 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 tempt the Lord your God.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you fall down and worship me."</p> <p>Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'"</p> <p><i>See the second temptation above for the parallel material</i></p> <p>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and ministered to him.</p> | <p>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts;</p> <p>and the angels ministered to him.</p> | <p>And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'"</p> <p><i>See the end of the column for the parallel material</i></p> <p>And the devil took him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it shall all be yours." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" And he took him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here; for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge of you, to guard you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not tempt the Lord, your God.'" And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.</p> |

¹ Kurt Aland, ed., *Synopsis of the Four Gospels, Greek-English Edition of the Synopsis Quattuor Evangeliorum*, 9th ed. (Stuttgart: German Bible Society, 1989) §20, pp. 19-20.