“MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE”

Matthew 4:1–11

Key Verse: 4:4

1. Review what happened at Jesus’ baptism (3:16,17). What is the significance of the Spirit of God alighting on him? Of the Father’s verbal affirmation? Why did Jesus need these things before beginning his ministry?
2. What happened to Jesus afterwards? (1) What is the significance that the Spirit led him into this? Why did Jesus have to be tempted by the devil? (Heb2:18; 4:15) What should we learn here about the devil? (Rev12:7–9; Eph2:2; 1Pe5:8)
3. What did Jesus do to prepare for this? (2) Why forty days and forty nights? (Ex34: 28) How is Jesus described? (2b) What did the tempter say to him? (3) Why is he questioning if Jesus is God’s Son? What is the nature of this temptation? How are we tempted in this same way?
4. Read Jesus’ answer in verse 4 (see also Deuteronomy 8:3). What lesson does God want us all to learn, and why? What does it mean to “live on every word” of God? Why is it so important to hold onto God’s word while being tempted?
5. How did the devil tempt Jesus next? (5,6) What is the nature of this temptation? How are we sometimes tempted like this? How did Jesus answer, and how can we have this same spirit? (7)
6. How else did the devil tempt Jesus? (8,9) What is the nature of this temptation? How did Jesus answer, and how can we live by this truth? (10) What happened to Jesus afterwards, and what does this mean to us? (11; Jas4:7)
7. Review what we learn from Jesus about how and why we need to overcome all kinds of the devil’s temptations (see also Eph6:10–17).