

“ Re-Lent: The Sin of Misquoting God”

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Matthew 4:1-11 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted^[a] by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’^[b]”

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’^[c]”

7 Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’^[d]”

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’^[e]”

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Footnotes:

a. Matthew 4:1 The Greek for tempted can also mean tested.

b. Matthew 4:4 Deut. 8:3

c. Matthew 4:6 Psalm 91:11,12

d. Matthew 4:7 Deut. 6:16

e. Matthew 4:10 Deut. 6:13