

Putting Jesus to the Test

Matthew 4:1-11

Intro: Forty days, forty years, and forty days.

- I. Bread and the Word
 - a. The stinging “If”
 - b. Jesus was hungry
 - c. Jesus’ soul was hungrier

- II. The Word and the Word
 - a. Satan knows the Bible
 - b. Satan twists God’s Word against God
 - c. Proper use of the Word honors God, not people

- III. Worship and the Word
 - a. Could Satan really offer the world?
 - b. The temptation was to bypass the cross
 - c. Worship God alone, and all else follows

Closing thought: “¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)