

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is sandy and sparsely covered with small, dry bushes. In the background, a range of rugged, brown mountains stretches across the horizon under a pale, overcast sky. The overall mood is desolate and expansive.

The Gospel of Matthew

WHY DID THE KING COME BUT NOT THE KINGDOM?

Outline to the book of Matthew:

I. The King Has Come 1:1-13:53

1. *The Incarnation and the preparation of the King 1:1 – 4:11*
2. *The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29*
3. *The Manifestation of the King 8:1 – 11:1*
4. *The Opposition to the King 11:2 – 13:53*

II. The Kingdom Has Not 13:54-28:20

5. *The Reaction of the King, 13:54 – 19:2*
6. *The Formal Presentation and Rejection of the King, 19:3 – 25:46*
7. *The Crucifixion and the Resurrection of the King, 26:1 – 28:20*

***Subpoints follow Stanley Toussaint's seven main divisions outlined in his commentary.

I. THE KING HAS COME 1:1 – 13:53

The Preparation of the King 3:1-4:11

(Matthew 4:1-4)

“The First Wilderness Temptation”

Outline:

1. Temptation #1 vv. 1-4
2. Temptation #2 vv. 5-7
3. Temptation #3 vv. 8-11

1- Temptation #1 vv. 1-4

Observations:

- The setting – vv. 1-2
 - “Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit”
 - This is immediately following the baptism (cf. Mark 1:12)
 - Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit (cf. Luke 4:1)

The Filling Ministry of the Holy Spirit:

πληρόω “to make full, fill (full)”

1. The function of the Spirit’s filling:

- Ministry enablement
- Insight (“wisdom” cf. Ex. 28:3, 31:3)
- Leadership cf. Deut. 34:9
- Sanctifying cf. Lk. 1:15
- Prophesying cf. Micah 3:8, Lk. 1:41, 67
- Leading cf. Luke 4:1
- Speaking in tongues cf. Acts 2:4
- Fellowship cf. Acts 13:52
- Control cf. Eph. 5:18
- Establishing cf. Rom. 15:8, 2 Cor. 1:21-22
- Judging cf. 1 Cor. 2:15, Rom. 12:2
- Purity cf. Gal. 5:16
- Productivity cf. Gal. 5:22-26

The Filling Ministry of the Holy Spirit:

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2. The conditions for the Spirit’s filling:

#1 – Being devoted. Romans 12:1-2

#2 – Walk by the Spirit. Galatians 5:16

#3 – Not grieve the Spirit. Ephesian 4:30

#4 – Not quench the Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:19

The Filling Ministry of the Holy Spirit:

3. The result of the Spirit's filling:

- Become more like the Messiah Gal. 5:22-23
- Worship and praise Eph. 5:19-20
- Submissiveness Eph. 5:21
- Service Jn. 7:37-39, 2 Cor. 3:6
- Liberation Rom. 8:1-4
- Spiritual strength Eph. 3:16
- Divine empowerment Acts 1:8; Rom. 15:13, 19; 1 Thess. 1:5
- Witnessing Acts 4:8-12, 11:23-24
- Fellowship with God and other saints Phil. 2:1-4
- Progressive sanctification

1- Temptation #1 vv. 1-4

Observations:

- The setting – vv. 1-2
 - “Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit”
 - “into the wilderness”
 - At a glance, an unassuming location.
 - But perhaps there is significance to this?

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➤ “Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit”

➤ “into the wilderness”

➤ “to be tempted by the devil.”

- “to be tempted” (πειρασθῆναι) = an aorist, passive, infinitive. This is an infinitive of purpose.
- “by the devil” (lit. The slanderer)

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 - At this point remember the number 40... and the wilderness.
 - What would Jesus preoccupy Himself with for 40 days?

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Observations:

- The setting – vv. 1-2
- The temptation – v. 3
 - “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”
- The resistance – v. 4
 - “But He answered and said, ‘It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”
 - Jesus answers by quoting Deuteronomy 8:3... Why?

The Context of Deuteronomy 8:

- The law observance v. 1
- The wilderness testing vv. 2-3
- The context of land inheritance vv. 7-10
- Full reliance upon God to fulfill His covenant v. 18
- The warning vv. 19-20

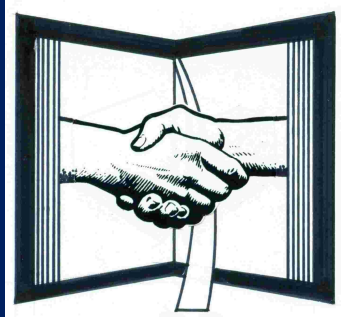
Summary/Application:

1- Temptation #1 vv. 1-4

- This verse in context speaks of the testing that the Israelites underwent that had a two-fold purpose. First, to humble them. Second, to remember God and to follow Him only.
- Jesus followed this same type of testing with a 40 day fast (1 day for every year?) to learn the same lesson, but also to fulfill “He is able to sympathize with our weakness.”
- For Jesus to turn the rocks into bread would nullify the test and to also be led by the flesh rather than God. (cf. Esau)

Summary/Application:

- Following the baptism, Jesus was led by and filled by the Holy Spirit.
- The eternal Son became incarnate and became fully man. Yet, He remained fully God.
- For the time of His earthly ministry Jesus subjected His Divine attributes to the other persons of the Godhead. He set aside His individual use of His Divine attributes (Kenosis).
- Cf. Philippians 2:5-11 ... Do we have this mind in us?
- Are we Scripturally grounded?
- Do we resist temptation? Cf. 1 Corinthians 10:13



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