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Matthew 4:1-11

Matthew: Following the King of Kings
“Stay the Course”

INTRODUCTION

1. TEMPTATION OF TESTING?

2. WHY TESTING?

3. WILL WE STAY THE COURSE?

Questions for personal meditation and study

1. Read Matthew 4:1. Why would the Spirit lead Jesus to be tempted by the devil? What does this say about the sovereignty of God? What does this say about the abilities of the devil?
2. What's the difference between Temptation and Testing? Consider Matthew 19:3, 22:17-18 and Deuteronomy 8:2. How was Jesus being tempted and how was He being tested?
3. What is testing for? Look at James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:3-9, Romans 5:2-5.
4. What was Jesus fighting for in the wilderness? Is it a fair question to ask, "Don't we have a responsibility as His disciples to fight for the same thing?"
5. Read the end of the story. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What are we made for as a church?
6. Read Matthew 16:24-26. What does demands is Jesus placing on our lives and how are they similar to His life?
7. Look again at Matthew 4:4. What does this tell us about God's Word?
8. What does Jesus' example of fasting teach us about prayer and fasting?