

Triumph Over Temptation

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Key Truth: We can Triumph over Temptation when we follow Jesus and His Word.

Temptation is all around us. It shows up in everything we do. Yet, no matter how many times we've been tempted, we can always overcome that temptation by applying God's Word in critical moments of vulnerability, because Jesus Christ has overcome temptation for us.

DISCUSS

Read **Matthew 4:1-11** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on Jesus Christ's "**Triumph Over Temptation.**"

DIG IN

Three common temptations:

1. The Temptation for Sustenance. (Matthew 4:3-4)

In verse 3, restate the devil's temptation of Jesus. What do you think he was trying to convince Jesus to do?

How did Jesus resist the devil's temptation? Why is that an important way for a Christian to resist temptation?

Read Deuteronomy 8:3 (the verse Jesus quotes): This verse recalls a time when the Israelites falsely idealized their time back in Egypt, when the reality of their hunger and thirst was a better position to be in. What does this verse say about God's provision?

2. The Temptation for Security. (Matthew 4:5-7)

In verses 5-6, describe the devil's second temptation. How does he use the Bible to entice Jesus to sin? How does Jesus respond?

Read Deuteronomy 6:16 and Exodus 17:7 (the occasion for Jesus quoting Scripture in Matthew 4:7). In what ways do these verses help us understand the true intent of Satan's temptations of Jesus?

How does remembering God's presence help us remain secure in difficult circumstances?

3. The Temptation for Significance. (Matthew 4:8-11)

In verses 8-9, what does Satan promise Jesus in exchange for his worship? In what ways does this contradict Jesus' true pathway to glory?

In what ways do we seek our own glory and significance in the wrong ways? Give specific examples.

DO

Describe in practical terms ways you can use Jesus' triumph over temptation as a "pathway" you can follow when faced with temptation.