

## Jesus & the Scriptures (Mt 4.1-11)

- I. Introduction. (Mt 4.1-11)
  - A. Jesus' humanity, baptism → temptation, Satan's tactics/relentlessness...
  - B. All important lessons, but what about Jesus and the Scriptures?
- II. *"It is written..."* (cf. Dt 8.3)
  - A. Jesus' confidence in the Scriptures.
    1. Jonah and Solomon (Mt 12.39-41)
    2. Noah (Mt 24.37-38)
    3. Moses, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Mk 12.26)
    4. Jesus argued on the tense of a verb. (Mk 12.26-27)
  - B. If Jesus... then we...
  - C. But Satan is not so easily dissuaded...
- III. *"Again, it is written..."* (cf. Ps 91.11-12; Dt 6.16)
  - A. Jesus taught the harmony of the Scriptures.
    1. The problem of pitting one truth against another. (Ps 119.151,160)
    2. The problem of ignoring context. (Jn 21.20-23)
    3. Rightly dividing the truth. (2Tim 2.15)
  - B. Again, Satan is undeterred...
- IV. *"Away with you, Satan! For it is written..."* (cf. Dt 6.13-14)
  - A. Not just platitudes, principles, and proverbs — but practical!
  - B. Jesus taught the application of the Scriptures in every circumstance. (Ps 119.11)
  - C. So we too need to apply Bible principles — be doers, not just hearers. (James 1.25)
- V. Conclusion. (Mt 4.11; cf. Lk 4.13; James 4.7-8a)
  - A. How will we relate to the Scriptures?
    1. We need open & willing minds to see the Word. (Ac 10.33)
    2. *"He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day."* (Jn 12.48)
  - B. On the other hand... (Jn 8.31-32)
    1. Jn 8:24; Mt 10.32-33; Lk 13.3.5; Mk 16.16
    2. 1Jn 1.9; James 5.16