

## 2I. Jesus Conquers Temptation (Matthew 4:1-11)

### Connect

- What are you thankful for today?
- How have you seen God working in your life this past week?
- What difficulties are you experiencing in life? How may we help?
- How did you apply last session's discovery? What happened?
- With whom did you share last session's discovery? What was their response?

### Instructions:

Please use the following steps to guide your discovery of God's truth in the passages below. Need to review the [Group Guidelines](#)?

### Discover

**Step 1**-Participants take turns reading sections of the passage (clarify new words/terms)

**Step 2**-One person reads the entire passage out loud while the rest listen

**Step 3**-A participant retells the passage in his/her own words (others add their thoughts)

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**1**Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. **2**For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. **3**During that time the devil came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread.” **4**But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” **5**Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, **6**and said, “If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, ‘He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.’” **7**Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the lord your God.’” **8**Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. **9**“I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.” **10**“Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the lord your God and serve only him.’” **11**Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

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**Ask/Answer:**

- What does this passage mean?
- What do you like/not like about this passage?
- How does this passage change the way you see God/people?

## **Respond: If this is true...**

- How should it change the way you live?
- With whom will you share today's discovery?