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MATTHEW 4:1-11

MATTHEW 17:1-8

"NO ONE BUT GOD"

JESUS' TEMPTATION

AFTER JESUS WAS BAPTIZED, THE HOLY SPIRIT SENT JESUS TO A PLACE IN THE WILDERNESS. JESUS WAS ALL ALONE IN A VERY LONELY PLACE.

WHILE JESUS WAS IN THE WILDERNESS HE DID NOT EAT ANYTHING FOR 40 DAYS AND 40 NIGHTS! THE BIBLE TELLS US HE WAS VERY HUNGRY.

THEN WHILE JESUS WAS SO HUNGRY, SATAN (THE DEVIL) CAME TO JESUS AND TRIED TO GET JESUS TO OBEY HIM INSTEAD OF OBEYING GOD.

SATAN SAID, "IF YOU REALLY ARE THE SON OF GOD, MAKE THESE STONES TURN INTO BREAD."

JESUS TOLD SATAN A BIBLE VERSE FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT (DEUTERONOMY 8:3); THE VERSE SAYS, "MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD."

THEN SATAN TOOK JESUS TO THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM. SATAN TOOK JESUS ON TOP OF THE TEMPLE WHERE THEY WERE WAY HIGH UP IN THE AIR. THEN SATAN TOLD JESUS, "IF YOU REALLY ARE THE SON OF

GOD, JUMP OFF OF HERE, BECAUSE THE BIBLE SAYS ANGELS ALWAYS TAKE CARE OF YOU ANYWAY.

JESUS TOLD SATAN ANOTHER BIBLE VERSE FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT (DEUTERONOMY 6:16), "YOU SHALL NOT TEMPT THE LORD YOUR GOD."

THEN THE DEVIL TOOK JESUS UP ON A HIGH MOUNTAIN AND SHOWED JESUS ALL THE WONDERFUL KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD.

SATAN SAID TO JESUS, "I WILL GIVE YOU ALL THESE THINGS IF YOU WILL WORSHIP ME." (SATAN WANTED TO GET JESUS TO SIN BECAUSE THE SIN WOULD MAKE JESUS WHERE HE COULDN'T BE THE SAVIOUR.)

BUT JESUS KNEW WHAT TO DO — JESUS TOLD SATAN, "GET AWAY, SATAN; THE BIBLE SAYS 'THOU SHALT WORSHIP THE LORD THY GOD, AND HIM ONLY SHALT THOU SERVE.'" (DEUTERONOMY 10:20)

THEN THE DEVIL LEFT JESUS ALONE AND THE ANGELS CAME AND TOOK CARE OF JESUS.