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TRIUMPH THROUGH TEMPTATION

Matthew 4:1-11

Six Realities...

- There is a _____ world.
- We are involved in a spiritual _____.
 - Conflicting _____ (Christ and Satan).
 - Continual _____ (Christians and demons).
- Our enemy in this spiritual war is formidable.
- The stakes in this spiritual war are _____.
- The scope of this spiritual war is universal.
- Our involvement in this spiritual war is _____.

Two Pictures...

- Jesus is the new _____, stepping into the universal human story.
- Jesus is the true _____, suffering through the particular Israelite story.

Two Questions...

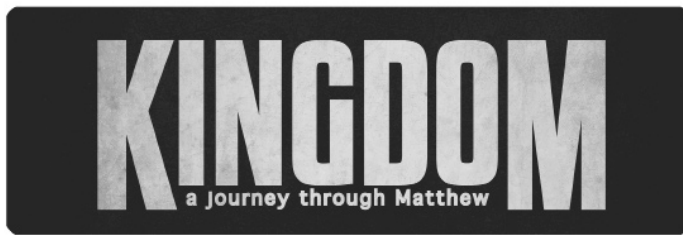
- Does God tempt us?
 - We are _____ by Satan (who is subordinate) for evil.
 - We are _____ by God (who is sovereign) for good.
- Could Jesus have sinned?
 - Jesus is fully _____.
 - Jesus was fully _____.
 - Jesus is fully _____.
 - God _____ be tempted.

Three Temptations...

- The first temptation: _____.
 - We are tempted to fulfill our _____ apart from God's _____.
 - Jesus trusted the all-satisfying, all-sufficient _____ of the Father.
- The second temptation: _____.
 - We are tempted to _____ God's presence and _____ God's promises.
 - Jesus rested in the shelter of the Father's unshakeable _____.
- The third temptation: _____.
 - We are tempted to _____ ourselves in the world while we _____ God of his worship.
 - Jesus refused to exchange the end-time exaltation by the _____ for a right-now exaltation of a _____.

Three Conclusions...

- Christ will be crowned as _____.
 - Two thousand years ago...he conquered sin as our _____.
 - Today...he fights with and for us through his _____.
 - One day...he will reign over all as our _____.
- Satan will be cast down in _____.
 - The accuser will stand _____.
 - The serpent will be sentenced.
 - The devil will be _____.
- The church will rise up in _____.
 - As children of God in Christ, let's _____ the all-satisfying, all-sufficient goodness of our Father!
 - As children of God in Christ, let's _____ in the shelter of our Father's unshakeable security!
 - As children of God in Christ, let's _____ to exchange our end-time exaltation by the Father for a right-now exaltation of a snake!



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Six Realities...

- There is a spiritual world.
- We are involved in a spiritual war.
 - Conflicting kingdoms (Christ and Satan).
 - Continual struggle (Christians and demons).
- Our enemy in this spiritual war is formidable.
- The stakes in this spiritual war are eternal.
- The scope of this spiritual war is universal.
- Our involvement in this spiritual war is personal.

Two Pictures...

- Jesus is the new man, stepping into the universal human story.
- Jesus is the true son, suffering through the particular Israelite story.

Two Questions...

- Does God tempt us?
 - We are tempted by Satan (who is subordinate) for evil.
 - We are tested by God (who is sovereign) for good.
- Could Jesus have sinned?
 - Jesus is fully man.
 - Jesus was fully tempted.
 - Jesus is fully God.
 - God cannot be tempted.

Three Temptations...

- The first temptation: self-gratification.
 - We are tempted to fulfill our wants apart from God's will.
 - Jesus trusted the all-satisfying, all-sufficient goodness of the Father.
- The second temptation: self-protection.
 - We are tempted to question God's presence and manipulate God's promises.
 - Jesus rested in the shelter of the Father's unshakeable security.
- The third temptation: self-exaltation.
 - We are tempted to assert ourselves in the world while we rob God of his worship.
 - Jesus refused to exchange the end-time exaltation by the Father for a right-now exaltation of a snake.

Three Conclusions...

- Christ will be crowned as King.
 - Two thousand years ago...he conquered sin as our Savior.
 - Today...he fights with and for us through his Spirit.
 - One day...he will reign over all as our Sovereign.
- Satan will be cast down in defeat.
 - The accuser will stand accused.
 - The serpent will be sentenced.
 - The devil will be destroyed.
- The church will rise up in victory.
 - As children of God in Christ, let's trust the all-satisfying, all-sufficient goodness of our Father!
 - As children of God in Christ, let's rest in the shelter of our Father's unshakeable security!
 - As children of God in Christ, let's refuse to exchange our end-time exaltation by the Father for a right-now exaltation of a snake!