



BEHOLD THE KING

MATTHEW

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To understand the devil rightly Christians must understand Jesus rightly.

Understanding Jesus rightly empowers us to not give the devil too much or too little credit.

BIG IDEA:

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“For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.”

1 Thessalonians 3:5

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“But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.”

James 1:13-15

“But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

Matthew 5:28

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“No man knows how bad he is till he has tried very hard to be good. A silly idea is current that good people do not know what temptation means. This is an obvious lie.

“Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is. After all, you find out the strength of the German army by fighting against it, not by giving in. You find out the strength of a wind by trying to walk against it, not by lying down.

“A man who gives in to temptation after five minutes simply does not know what it would have been like an hour later.

“That is why bad people, in one sense, know very little about badness — they have lived a sheltered life by always giving in.

“We never find out the strength of the evil impulse inside us until we try to fight it: and Christ, because He was the only man who never yielded to temptation, is also the only man who knows to the full what temptation means — the only complete realist.”

C.S. Lewis

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- Temptation at its core is an invitation to short cut **God's design**.

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“And the tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’”

Matthew 4:3

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“But he answered, ‘It is written,
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but by every word that comes from the
mouth of God.’””

Matthew 4:4

“And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

“And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.”

Deuteronomy 8:2-3

Temptation #2

You are **protected** ... jump off a tower.

“Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest
you strike your foot against a stone.’”

Matthew 4:5-6

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Jesus’ reply: “My calling is to trust
not test.”

“Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.”””

Matthew 4:7

“You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah.”

Deuteronomy 6:16

Temptation #3

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“Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’”

Matthew 4:8-9

“Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.”

Psalm 2:8

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The temptation: “Jesus, you have suffering
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“From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

“And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.’

“But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.’”

Matthew 16:21-23

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Jesus’ reply: “My calling is to serve,
not swerve.”

“Then Jesus said to him, ‘Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.””

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.”

Matthew 4:10-11

Why does it matter that Jesus won?

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Jesus' victory in the wilderness ...

1. verifies Jesus' identity.
2. highlights temptation's severity.
3. confirms Jesus' **sympathy**.

“For because he [Jesus] himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”

Hebrews 2:18

“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:14-16

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