

# WWJD TO RESIST TEMPTATION?

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## **Jesus Was Tempted Just Like Us**

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. Matthew 3:16-4:2

## **Jesus Was Tempted To Meet Natural Desires In Ways That Displeased God; He Responded By Finding Satisfaction in God**

<sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:3-4

## **Jesus Was Tempted To Test God's Love; He Responded With Faith**

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Matthew 4:5-7

## **Jesus Was Tempted To Betray God As a Shortcut To Success; He Responded With Outrage**

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup> "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Matthew 4:8-10

## **Jesus Experienced The Victory That Waits On The Other Side Of Temptation**

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. Matthew 4:11