

MOUNTAIN VIEWS:

MT. OF TEMPTATION

Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-13

I. The view from the Mount of Temptation

Key Players:

Jesus: “Jesus was **led by the Spirit** into the wilderness **to be tempted** there by the devil. For forty days and forty nights He fasted and became very hungry.” Matthew 4:1-2 (NLT)

Satan: “During that time **the devil came** . . .” Matthew 4:3 (NLT)

II. The Sequence of Events

- Matthew 3: 1-12 - John the Baptist Prepares the Way
- Matthew 3:13-17 - The Baptism of Jesus (age 30)
- Matthew 4:1-11 - The Temptation of Jesus
- Matthew 4:12-17 - The Ministry of Jesus Begins
- Matthew 4:18-22 - Jesus Calls the First Disciples
- Matthew 4:23-25 - Crowds Follow Jesus
- Matthew 5: -The Sermon on the Mount
- Identity
- Wilderness
- Testing
- Obedience
- Ministry
- Rinse and Repeat

III. What can we learn from the Mount of Temptation?

1. God TESTS. Satan TEMPTS.

- God uses tests to **STRENGTHEN** our faith.

“When tempted, no one should say, ‘God is tempting me.’ For God cannot be tempted by evil, **nor does He tempt anyone...**” James 1:13 (NIV)

“These trials will **show that your faith is genuine**. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold...” 1 Peter 1:7 (NLT)

[God] “**I will bring them through** the fire and make them pure. I will refine them like silver and purify them like gold. They will call on My name, and I will answer them.” Zechariah 13:9 (NLT)

- Satan uses temptations to **DESTROY** our Faith.

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have One who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet **He did not sin.**” Hebrews 4:15 (NIV)

“Temptation comes **from our own desires**, which entice us and drag us away.” James 1:14 (NLT)

- **DURING** God's testing, when we are **WEAK**, Satan often tempts us.

“**During that time** [40-day fast] the devil came and said to Him [Jesus], ‘If you are the Son of God...’” Matthew 4:3 (NLT)

2. We overcome temptation by **TRUSTING AND OBEYING** God's Word.

“God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand...**He will show you a way out** so that you can endure.” 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)