

## Beginning of Jesus' Ministry - part 1 - Temptation - Jan. 6, 2021

Matt. 4 and Luke 4

Jesus was tempted/tested after fasting 40 days/nights.

Comparison with Moses. Reason - Deut. 8:2

We need the Word of God to nurture our soul.

We need more than food/water. We need The Word.

The truth of the Word is our defense to Satan's lies.

- 1 - Don't be surprised when you are tested/tempted  
True obedience is shown when there is opp to disobey

You'll be hit when you're down. Serving God = target  
(Hunger was greatest; resistance at lowest; most vulnerable)

Enemy feeds on weakness

"Thief comes to kill and destroy."

Tempter misused Psalm 91. It was a testimony, not an invitation to be reckless or "put God to the test."

- 2 - Don't be fooled. Enemy wants you to question who you are.  
He lies.  
He wants to divert you from God's destiny.  
Satan, "prince of this world" mistakes Jesus' kingdom  
Enemy tempting Jesus to avoid the cross.

- 3 - Don't give up.  
When testing is really strong, consider - Enemy is trying to block God's purpose for your life.  
Enemy will make you question God's love...  
Why me? Why do the wicked prosper, righteous suffer?

Song of the week: "Farther Along"