

# The Defeat of Satan and Our Lord's Ministry Begins

Sermon 5 in the Matthew Series

## Matthew 4:1-13

Before we begin, JC Ryle makes a remarkable statement about Satan. "Let us learn what a real and powerful enemy we have in the devil... He is not afraid to assault even the Lord Jesus Himself. Three times over he attacks God's own Son. It was the devil who brought sin into the world at the beginning. This is he who vexed Job, deceived David and gave Peter a heavy fall. This is he, whom the Bible calls a murderer, liar and a roaring lion. This is he, whose enmity to our souls never slumbers and never sleeps. This is he, who for nearly 6,000 years has been working at one work, to ruin men and women, and draw them into hell. This is he, whose cunning and subtlety pass man's understanding, and often appears as "an angel of light."

### I. The Temptations -- Matthew 4:1-11

#### A. The Temptation of the Bread -- 4:1-4

The temptations were real – just as his pain and death were real.  
His hunger was real, as was his thirst and fatigue.

Chalcedon has said it best – in 451 AD.

"We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood: truly God and truly Man...in all things like unto us without sin...to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinctions of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, and not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ."

Christ Answers this temptation with Scripture. Deut. 8:3

The 40 years in the wilderness – corresponds to Christ's 40 days in the wilderness – and where Israel failed – Christ prevailed!!

#### B. The Temptation of Misused Scripture -- 4:5-7

Satan is quoting from Psalm 91:11-12.

Christ answers with Scripture – Deut. 6:16

#### C. The Temptation of the Kingdoms of this World -- 4:8-11

Resist the devil and he will flee from you! – James 4:7b

Christ answers with Scripture – Deut. 6:13

**Question:** Are the kingdoms of this world really at the disposal of Satan?  
Can he really give them to anyone he wishes?  
Can he override the Covenant of Redemption?

## **II. Traveling to Galilee – Matthew 4:12**

John chapter 2 through chapter 4 covers this time period.

- Jesus turning the water into wine in Cana.
- Then, he goes back down to Jerusalem.
  - The first cleansing of the temple in Jerusalem.
  - His conversation with Nicodemus.
- And then, heading back up to Galilee, John tells us “ he must needs go through Samaria” – where Jesus meets the woman at the well.

Luke adds additional details of the First Galilean Ministry.

## **III. Leaving Nazareth -- Matthew 4:13**

A. Christ’s Ministry in Galilee -- Luke 4:14-16

B. Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your Hearing -- Luke 4:17-21

C. The Sermon itself -- Luke 4:22-27

1. They marveled at his words
2. Physician, heal thyself
3. Do the miracles here you did in Capernaum.
4. Two O.T. Examples 4:24-27

D. The Result – Luke 4:28-32

## **Final Application**