

They Were Called Christians

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 3:15 – 4:2

I. The Showdown in the Wilderness, (Matt. 4:1-11) – Part 2

A. The Tempter's "Big Three"

1. Understanding the nature of "temptation"

- a. "Temptation" is not about what is *before* us. Temptation is about . . .

James 1:14

- b. The world is filled with temptations. But what do we do with them?!

Hebrews 4:14-15

Romans 10:9

John 5:30b

James 1:15

Romans 6:23a

2. The "Big Three" have been successful. . .

- a. (1 John 2:15-16), "*Do not love the world, nor the things in the world....*"

Galatians 5:19-21

- b. Temptation in the Garden, (Gen. 3:3-6), "*God has said, 'You shall not eat of it or touch it, let you die.'* The serpent said to the woman, '*You surely shall not die....!*'"

B. *“And the tempter came . . . (Matthew 4:3-11)*

1. (v. 3), *“If You are the Son of God, command these stones become bread.”*

a. Remember, Jesus had nothing to eat for the 40 days

b. (v. 4), *“Jesus answered and said, ‘It is written, “Man shall not live on bread alone....”’*

Matthew 16:23

John 5:30

John 6:38

Luke 2:48

Matthew 26:39

2. (vs. 5-6), *“Then the devil took Him into the holy city, and he had Him stand on the pinnacle....”*

a. Satan is saying, “If you truly trust in God’s word, then prove it! Jump!!!”

Matthew 4:7

Matthew 16:4

Romans 1:4

3. (vs. 8-9), *“Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms...”*

a. If the devil could not have delivered on his statement, this would not have been a temptation.

CONCLUSIONS:

Meadows: Hebrews 4:14-16

Guests: 1 Jn. 2:15-17

Luke 19:10

John 3:16

Mark 16:15-16