

Questions for Gospel Harmony #15

Matthew 4.1-11; Mark 1.12-13; Luke 4.1-13

1. How long after Jesus' baptism did He go up into the wilderness? What compelled Jesus to go there? What was the purpose of His going? (Matthew 4.1; Mark 1.12; Luke 4.1-2)
2. How long did Jesus fast? What was His condition afterward? How did the Devil tempt Him? What was Jesus' reply? (Matthew 4.2-4; Luke 4.2-4)
3. Where did the Devil take Jesus? What was the temptation and how did the Devil try to convince Jesus? How did Jesus respond? (Matthew 4.5-7; Luke 4.9-12)
4. On what basis did the Devil offer Jesus "authority" over "all the kingdoms of the world"? What does Satan ask of Jesus? How does Jesus respond to the temptation? (Matthew 4.8-10; Luke 4.5-8)
5. What happened at the end of the temptation? (Matthew 4.11; Mark 1.13; Luke 4.13)

Special Question: Luke and Matthew record the temptations in different sequence. What might be the reason for this difference?

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Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and immediately the Spirit drove Him, then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted for forty days by Satan; the devil: and was with the wild beasts. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended [And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.] Now when the tempter came to Him [the devil said to Him], "If You are the Son of God, command this stone [these stones] to become bread." But He [Jesus] answered and said [saying], "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took Him up into the holy city [he led Him to Jerusalem], set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, 'If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "It is written again [it has been said], 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory [in a moment of time]. And the devil said to Him, "All [these things:] this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time; and the angels [came and] ministered to Him.