

The Temptation of Jesus in Luke and Matthew

LUKE 4.1-14 [CHIASM FROM BRYAN]

- (A) Jesus, **full of the Holy Spirit, returned** from the Jordan
- (B) and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days **he was tempted [Greek, *peirazomenos*]** by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, **and when they were over [Greek, *syntelestheisōn*]**, he was famished. The devil said to him, "**If you are the Son of God**, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." **Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' (Deut 8.3)**
- (C) Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"
- (B) Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "**If you are the Son of God**, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" **Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test [Greek, *ekpeiraseis*].'" (Deut 6.16) When the devil had finished [Greek, *syntelesas*]** every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.
- (A) Then Jesus, **filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee**

MATTHEW 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.