

**Matthew**  
**Chapter 4**  
Student

**Defeating the enemy 101**

**Contents:** The temptation of **JESUS**, and **JESUS**'s response. **JESUS**' public ministry begins. The Call of first disciples.

**Characters:** **JESUS**, satan, John the Baptist, Peter, Andrew, James, John, Isaiah.

**Conclusion:** The **WORD OF GOD** is the **Sword of the Spirit**, which if rightly handled, will deal defeat to satan in his attempts to snare the believer by *tempting suggestions*. [See James 1:14] Beware of satanic twisting of Scripture—"rightly divide the Word of Truth." [2 Timothy 2:15]

**Key Word:** Temptation.

**Strong Verses:** 4, 6,10.

**Striking Facts:**"If **JESUS** was without a sinful nature, why would/could **HE** be tempted?" Consider this: A city can be attacked even though the chances of success were so small as to be impossible. Additionally, acid can not corrode all. satan applied his test to **CHRIST**, and.... did not succeed. Note comparison of **JESUS**' temptations with those of the first Adam.

- (1). **Lust of the flesh** – using **JESUS**' physical hunger
- (2). **Material things** - offering the glory of kingdoms of the earth, contrary to **GOD**'s will and way, and,
- (3). **Pride of the life** - tempting **JESUS** to throw Himself from pinnacle of the temple.

Questions:

1. How long had **JESUS** fasted?
- 2.
3. JESUS was tempted at various levels. Which Old Testament Scripture did HE use for:
  - a. Verse 4 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Verse 7 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Verse 10 \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was JESUS' message?
5. What was the offer that JESUS made the disciples?
6. What geographic area did JESUS minister in?

**Discussion Question:** Should we use the same tactics that JESUS used when we are confronted by the "enemy"?