

SERMON OUTLINE

Russell Howard Lead Pastor Sunday Morning June 15, 2025

MATTHEW The KING has Come

"Dealing With Temptation"
(Matthew 4:1-11, pew Bible page 809)

Jesus "in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin," according to Hebrews 4:15. In this morning's passage, we have one specific instance where He was challenged by the devil himself.

- I. The Context of Temptations (vv. 1-2)
 - A. After a real high point (the events of Matthew 3:13-17)

B. Under the Sovereignty of God (v. 1)

C. At a moment of real vulnerability (v. 2)

- II. The Content of the Temptations (vv. 3-10)
 - A. Tempted on Provision: Trust your own ability to take care of yourself. (vv. 3-4)
 - Jesus responded with Scripture. (Deuteronomy 8:3)
 - B. Tempted on Presumption: Test God by making unwise decisions and assuming His grace and protection will keep you safe. (vv. 5-7)
 - Jesus responded with Scripture. (Deuteronomy 6:16)
 - C. Tempted on Position: Be a really big deal, whether or not it's God's will, God's way, or God's timing. (vv. 8-10)
 - Jesus responded with Scripture. (Deuteronomy 6:13 and 10:20)
- III. The Conquest over Temptations (v. 11)

James 4:17

- A. "Submit yourselves therefore to God."
- B. "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."