

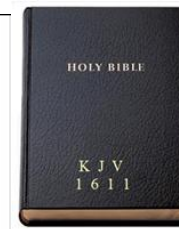
# Mt. Pleasant Bible Institute

*“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matt 28:19)*

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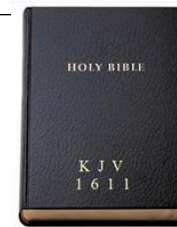


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# The Gospels

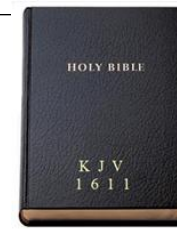
The Life And Ministry Of Jesus Christ

# Preparation



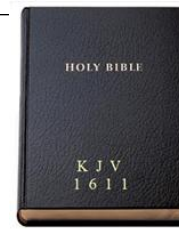
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<b>III. PREPARATION</b>					
<b>A. His Birth</b>					
5	Angelic announcement of the birth of John the Baptist			1:5-25	
6	Angelic announcement to Mary of the birth of Jesus Christ (the annunciation)			1:26-38	
7	Angelic announcement to Joseph of the birth of Jesus Christ	1:18-25			
8	Elizabeth's acclamation of joy			1:39-45	
9	Mary's acclamation of joy (the magnificat)			1:46-56	
10	Birth of John the Baptist			1:57-79	
11	Birth of Jesus Christ	1:25		2:1-21	
12	Presentation of Jesus Christ in the temple			2:22-39	
<b>B. His Boyhood</b>					
13	Adoration of the wise men	2:1-12			
14	Abandonment to Egypt	2:13-15			
15	Assassination of the innocents	2:16-18			
16	Arrival in Nazareth	2:19-23		2:39	
17	Advancement of Jesus Christ (ages 2-12)			2:40	
18	Asking and answering questions in the temple			2:41-50	
19	Advancement of Jesus Christ (ages 12-29)			2:51-52	
20	Advancement of John the Baptist			1:80	
<b>C. His Baptism</b>					
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22	The purpose of John the Baptist's ministry				1:6-14
23	The preaching of John the Baptist's ministry	3:1-12	1:1-8	3:3-18	1:15-18
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## 24. The immersion of Jesus Christ (*Matt 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23*)

### *Matthew 3:15*

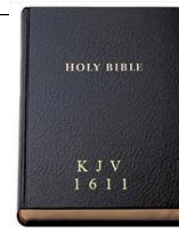
- **To fulfil all righteousness.** Baptism FULFILLS all righteousness, it does not IMPART any righteousness. Jesus was baptized to fulfill all righteousness. He had no sin to repent of, but chose to be baptized to identify himself with those who repented and were subsequently baptized, rather than those who did not repent.

## 25. The temptation of Jesus Christ (*Matt 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13*)

### *Matthew 4:1*

- **To be tempted of the devil.** Could Jesus have sinned? No. Although Jesus was tempted in his HUMANITY (Jam 1:13), he never ceased to be a DIVINE person. Since he is God, it was impossible for him to sin.

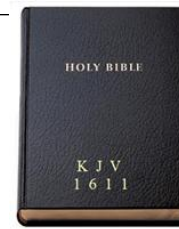
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## Lessons Regarding Temptation Learned From Matt 4

1. Satan is the tempter (v.1) not the Lord (Jam 1:13)
2. The Lord will test our faith and allow us to be tempted (v.1)
3. Temptation usually comes when we are most vulnerable (v.2)
4. The “voice” of temptation is one of doubt, questioning or challenging what we know is true (v.3)
5. Satan uses the three points of temptation (Heb 4:15; 1 John 2:16) (v.3,6,8)
6. Satan may change the word of God or take it out of context to use it in temptation (v.6)
7. We overcome temptation by knowing the word of God (v.4,7,10), resisting the devil (v.10), and being filled with the Spirit (Luke 4:1)
8. Satan will show the PLEASURE of submitting to temptation but not the PAIN or PENALTY that comes with it (v.8)
9. Satan will make empty promises in temptation (v.9)
10. Satan wants worship/service (v.9)

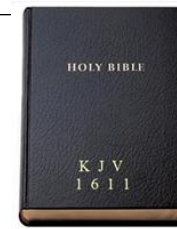
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## Names Ascribed To Satan

1. Satan (“adversary”) (1 Chr 21:1; Matt 4:10; Rev 12:9)
2. Leviathan (Job 41:1; Isa 27:1)
3. The king of the children of pride (Job 41:34)
4. Lucifer (“light bearer”) (Isa 14:12)
5. The god of forces (Dan 11:38)
6. The devil (“slanderer; accuser”) (Matt 4:1; 1 Pet 5:8; Rev 12:9)
7. The tempter (Matt 4:3)
8. The wicked one (Matt 13:38)
9. The enemy (Matt 13:39)
10. The prince of this world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
11. The god of this world (2 Cor 4:4)
12. Belial (“destruction”) (2 Cor 6:15)
13. The prince of the power of the air (Eph 2:2)
14. The dragon (Rev 12:3,7,9)
15. The serpent (Rev 12:9) cf. (Gen 3:1; 2 Cor 11:3)

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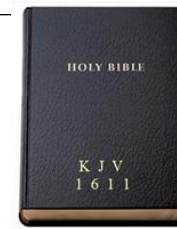


<b>The Points Of Temptation (Heb 4:15; 1 John 2:16)</b>	<b>Adam (Gen 3:6)</b>	<b>Christ (Matt 4:3,6,9)</b>
The lust of the flesh (the sins of APPETITE)	“the tree was good for food”	“Command that these stones be made bread”
The lust of the eyes (the sins of AMBITION)	“it was pleasant to the eyes”	“All these things will I give thee”
The pride of life (the sins of ACCEPTANCE)	“a tree to be desired to make one wise”	“Cast thyself down: for it is written”

## **Contrasts Between The Temptation Of Adam And Christ**

<b>Adam</b>	<b>Christ</b>
Tempted in a GARDEN	Tempted in the WILDERNESS
Had EVE in his company	Had NO ONE in his company
ATE immediately	FASTED 40 days and 40 nights
VANQUISHED by Satan	VICTORIOUS over Satan

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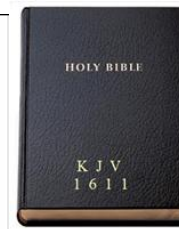
## *Matthew 4:3*

- **Command that these stones be made bread.** Since Jesus is God, he could have turned the stones into bread to sustain himself, so this was a temptation to exercise his divine power to overcome temptation. In order to be our great High Priest, Jesus overcame temptation by the same means at our disposal: the word of God and the Holy Spirit (v.4,7,10; Luke 4:1).

## *Matthew 4:6*

- **For it is written.** Satan will pervert (add, delete, change, take out of context, etc.) scripture in an effort to get us to sin.

The True Scripture (Psa 91:11-12)	Satan's PerVersion (Matt 4:6; Luke 4:10-11)
"For he shall give his angels charge over thee"	"He shall give his angels charge over thee"
"to keep thee <b>in all thy ways</b> "	"to keep thee" (Satan DELETES from scripture)
"They shall bear thee up in their hands"	"and in their hands they shall bear thee up"
"lest thou dash thy foot against a stone"	"lest <b>at any time</b> thou dash thy foot against a stone" (Satan ADDS to scripture)



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