

The Temptation of Jesus

- 1 Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where he was tempted by the devil for forty days. Jesus ate nothing all that time and became very hungry.
- 3 Then the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread."
- 4 But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone.'"

- 5 Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.
- 6 "I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them," the devil said, "because they are mine to give to anyone I please. 7 I will give it all to you if you will worship me."
- Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say,
 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him."

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! 10 For the Scriptures say,

> 'He will order his angels to protect and guard you.
> 11 And they will hold you up with their hands
> so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'"

- 12 Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God."
- 13 When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left him until the next opportunity came.