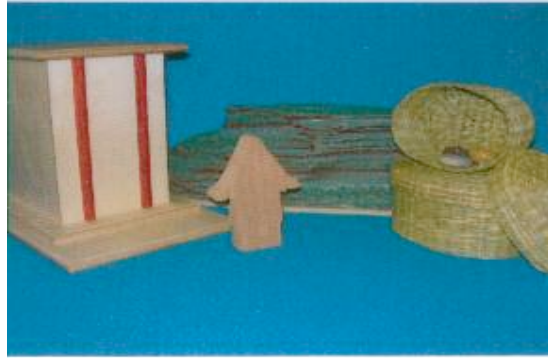


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Matthew 4:1-11

The Temptation of Jesus *(Mark 1.12-13; Luke 4.1-13)*

4 Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the Devil. ² After spending forty days and nights without food, Jesus was hungry. ³ Then the Devil came to him and said, "If you are God's Son, order these stones to turn into bread."

⁴ But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Man cannot live on bread alone, but needs every word that God speaks.'"

⁵ Then the Devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, the Holy City, set him on the highest point of the Temple, ⁶ and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, for the scripture says,

'God will give orders to his angels about you; they will hold you up with their hands, so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.'"

⁷ Jesus answered, "But the scripture also says, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸ Then the Devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in all their greatness. ⁹ "All this I will give you," the Devil said, "if you kneel down and worship me."

¹⁰ Then Jesus answered, "Go away, Satan! The scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!'"

¹¹ Then the Devil left Jesus; and angels came and helped him.