Matthew 4:1-11 – Only If

Study Guide – Reference Verses

Jesus tempted

Hebrews 4:15-16 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are, yet* without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Mark 14:36 And He said, "Abba, Father, all things *are* possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You *will.*"

Sin from within

James 1:14-15 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

The last Adam

Romans 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience (Adam's) many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience (Jesus') many will be made righteous.

The full Psalm

Psalm 91:11-12 For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Not unusual to face temptation

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it.*

The enemy's temporary authority

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Ephesians 2:2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

Discussion Questions:

1. Who led Jesus into the wilderness? Why?
2. How does Jesus prepare Himself for the temptations to come?
3. How does Jesus respond to each temptation from the devil?
4. What do we learn about Jesus through this first battle with the devil? How can we, like Jesus, utilize the same methods to overcome temptation in our own lives?

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