

# LENT

## JUMPER

### Key Scriptures

Matthew 4.5-7

### Key Points

1. Do not put the Lord your God to the test.

### Takeaway

*Jesus never said, Jump into faith in God. He said, Deny yourself, pick up your Cross, and follow Me.*

### Grow DEEPER

Deuteronomy 6.16 // Psalm 91 // Colossians 2.13-15

### Live DEEPER

In Jesus' second temptation, Satan attacked Jesus' view of who God is and what His Word says. Satan takes Jesus to the holy city, Jerusalem, and dares Him to jump from the highest point on the Temple. The highest, most visible, and most public point in the city. The potential was for all of Jerusalem to see Jesus jump, survive the fall, and prove He was the Son of God. It would have been the miracle they would soon be asking for, and the evidence they would want to prove Jesus was who He said He was. What a show it could have been, and what a spectacle it would have made to have a man jump and survive that fall. Don't worry about the fall, Satan whispers. Just jump. Jump, because God said, "He will command His angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." Satan quotes Psalm 91. He twists it from a declaration of God's provisions, into a license to do anything and hold God accountable for the outcome. Provision is granted when we are in God's shelter, or His presence. The Psalmist writes, "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty." And, "If you make the Most High your dwelling-even the LORD, who is my refuge- then no harm will befall you." The provision and the power of the promise is in the presence of the LORD. It is found when we walk and spend time with Him.

Jesus' response is, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." The spectacular jump was not the display for Jerusalem Jesus had in mind. His mind was set on the Cross. A Cross He would carry to a hill just outside the city. A place reserved for society's worst criminals; murderers, thieves, and thugs. A place of blood, death and despair, but a place that would bring glory and honor to the Father. Something a jump would never do. Because a jump wasn't going to make a way for people to know God. A jump wasn't going to redeem the nations. A jump wasn't going to settle the debt of sin. But the Cross would. Jesus would forgive all sins, through the Cross, wipe slates clean through the Cross, and make a public spectacle of death through the power of the Cross.

### Look DEEPER

Where has Satan dared you to jump, and Jesus has asked called you to walk?

### Love DEEPER

Jesus wasn't tested to be broken. He was tested to show He couldn't be broken. His temptation was to show there is no limit to His power, and no limit to what He can withstand. Even death on a Cross.