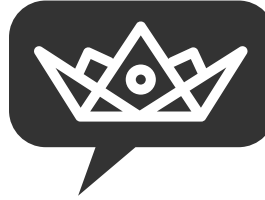


**THE GOSPEL OF
THE KINGDOM**



**A SERIES ON
MATTHEW 1-7**

Jesus is Tempted, Part 1

Matthew 4:1 – 11

Sermon Notes: _____

Prayer Requests: _____

1. What insight, principle, or observation from the message did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling? Please explain.
2. Can you remember some of your earliest experiences with temptation? Compare them to some of your most recent experiences. What's the same? What's different?
3. What is your general strategy for dealing with temptation? How is it working for you?
4. How do you respond to the idea that God uses Satan's temptations to test us? How might this knowledge help you the next time you're facing temptation?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13.
 - a. Is it encouraging or discouraging to know that your temptations are common? Why?
 - b. How might this knowledge help you the next time you're facing temptation?
 - c. What is meant by "way of escape"? Can you give an example?
6. Read Exodus 15:19-16:8. Make note of any observations or comments you have.
 - a. How do you respond to seeing Israel grumble so soon after the Red Sea event?
 - b. How do you think you'd have responded if you were among the people?
 - c. What other important lessons come out of this passage?
7. Read Hebrews 4:14-5:10. Make note of any observations or comments you have.
 - a. Other than His temptation in the wilderness, what other events in Jesus' life are being described in 5:7-8?
 - b. According to 4:14-16, what is the connection between Jesus being tempted and us "holding fast our confession"?
 - c. What is meant by Jesus being "made perfect" in 5:9, and why does this matter?
8. Who are the tempted people in your life whom you have the opportunity to help? What might it look like for you to model Jesus to them?
9. What difference does the high priesthood of Jesus make on your daily Christianity? What difference *should* it make?
10. Is it wise to prepare for temptation? If so, what might that look like for you?