

Temptation: the one who stands firm for us

Matthew 4: 1–11

King Jesus wins the first battle of his war to rescue us

The Openness of Jesus - to whatever will train him to be our Saviour (1–2)

- Open to being led by the Spirit
- Open to go into the wilderness
- Open to seek God through fasting
- Open to endure testing

The Victory of Jesus – over the evil that has defeated us (3–11)

1. His temptations

- to take autonomous charge of his own destiny
- to achieve glory the easy way

2. His total victory through

- Resolute Faith in God
- Determination to achieve God's goals God's way
- Specific Biblical rebuttals

Application

- We look to Jesus because he has done for us what we cannot do for ourselves
- We resist temptation with Jesus' personal help and example