

eXplain it
(Lent 1)

Genesis 3:1-21 (The Fall)
1 Samuel 17:40-51 (David and Goliath)
Psalm 32 (Blessed is ...)
Psalm 118:1-13 (Give Thanks to the Lord)
2 Cor. 6:1-10 (Don't Receive the Grace of God in Vain)
Hebrews 4:14-16 (Jesus, the Great High Priest)
Matthew 4:1-11 (Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness)

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Matthew 4:1-11
(The Temptation of Jesus)

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Timing of the Temptation
Same Serpent, Same Schemes
1000 vs. 100,000

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Matthew 3:16-17: As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." (NIV)

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Matthew 4:1-3: Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. (NIV)

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In Baptism the Battle Begins

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“Flee you evil spirit and make room for the Holy Spirit.”

“Do you renounce the devil and all of his works and all of his ways?”

“Receive the sign of the cross marking you as one redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ.”

“This is my Son!”

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Matthew 4:2: After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. (NIV)

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Vulnerable Moments

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| weak | victorious |
| tired | pride |
| alone | “untouchable” |

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Matthew 4:2-3: 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." (NIV)

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**"he was hungry" (humanity)
"If you are the Son of God" (divinity)**

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Hebrews 4:15-16: 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. (NIV)

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Hebrews 4:16: Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (NIV)

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Same Serpent, Same Schemes

"If you are the Son of God ..."
"Did God really say ..."

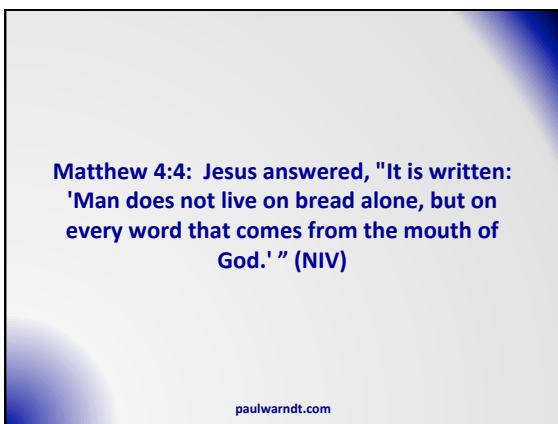
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**Genesis 3:1-ff: Now the serpent was more crafty
than any of the wild animals the Lord God had
made. He said to the woman, "Did God really
say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the
garden'?" (NIV)**

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Matthew 4:5-7: Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: " '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.' "

7Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " (NIV)

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Matthew 4:8-11: 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into 9" All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." (NIV)

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Matthew 4:8-11: 10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.' "

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. (NIV)

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**“the devil may be the master of 1000 arts but
the Triune God and His Word are Master of
100,000 more”**

**(paraphrase of Martin Luther,
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**Luke 4:13: When the devil had finished all this
tempting, he left him until an opportune time.
(NIV)**

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“the opportune time”

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Matthew 27:38 Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. 39 Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads 40 and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" (NIV)

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**he is thirsty
he is dying**

"If you are the Son of God ..."

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"Father, forgive them ..."
"I thirst."
"Woman, behold your son."
"Today you will be with me in Paradise"
"My God, My God why have you forsaken me?"
"It is finished!"
"Into your hands I commit my spirit."

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