

**T**hen the Holy Spirit led Jesus out into the wilderness to be tested. To be tested by the devil. For 40 days and for 40 nights Jesus ate nothing and, after that, he was so, so hungry. Then the devil came to him and said,

‘If you are God’s Son, tell these stones to become loaves of bread.’ **1**

But Jesus answered, ‘It is written in the Scriptures, “No one can live only on food. They need every word that God speaks.”’

Next the devil took Jesus to the holy city and put him on the highest part of the Temple, saying to him,

“If you are God’s Son, throw yourself down from here. It is written in the Scriptures that God will tell his angels to catch you in their arms, so that you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.” **2**

Again Jesus answered him, ‘It is written in the Scriptures, “Do not try to test God.”’

Finally, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms on earth and their power.

‘All this is yours,’ he said, ‘if you will fall down and worship me.’ **3**

Jesus answered, ‘Go away, Satan! \* It is written in the Scriptures, “Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.”’

Then the devil left Jesus and, suddenly angels arrived to take care of him.

**Matthew 4.1-11**

