

The Book of Mark:

The Temptation of Jesus: Why does it matter?

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

Mark 1:9-13 (NIV)

Who is Jesus?

1. He is God's _____ . (v.11)

2. He is _____ . (v.3)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

John 1:1-4 (NIV)

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 (NIV)

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

Colossians 2:9-10 (NIV)

3. He is a _____ . (v.13)

I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.⁸ Watch out that you do not lose what we^[a] have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. ⁹ Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. ¹¹ Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work.

2 John 7-11 (NIV)

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Hebrews 4:15 (NIV)

*At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness,¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted^f by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.
Mark 1:12-13 (NIV)*

*But they continued to sin against him,
rebellling in the wilderness against the Most High.*

*¹⁸ They willfully put God to the test
by demanding the food they craved.*

*¹⁹ They spoke against God;
they said, "Can God really
spread a table in the wilderness?"*

*²⁰ True, he struck the rock,
and water gushed out,
streams flowed abundantly,
but can he also give us bread?*

Psalm 78:17-20 (NIV)

*⁷ The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat,
for the journey is too much for you."⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that
food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of
God.⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night.
1 Kings 19:7-9 (NIV)*

4. He is not the same as the _____ or the _____.

Rabbit hole moment: How do we know when to take the bible literally?

Three Rules of Thumb:

- **Find the _____ meaning.**

You need: _____, _____, and _____.

*Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves
their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross
and follow me is not worthy of me.³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their
life for my sake will find it.
Matthew 10:37-39 (NIV)*

- **Know the difference between literal and _____.**

*No man who has any defect may come near: no man who is blind or lame, disfigured or
deformed;¹⁹ no man with a crippled foot or hand,²⁰ or who is a hunchback or a dwarf, or who
has any eye defect, or who has festering or running sores or damaged testicles
Leviticus 28:18-20 (NIV)*

*No one born of a forbidden marriage nor any of their descendants may enter the assembly of
the Lord, not even in the tenth generation.
Deuteronomy 23:2 (NIV)*

- Don't obsess over _____ that don't _____.