

MATTHEW – LESSON THREE

I. JESUS' TEMPTATION BY THE DEVIL AND HIS EARLY PREACHING IN GALILEE (Chapter 4).

- A. Jesus led by Holy Spirit into wilderness to be tempted by the Devil (4:1-11).
 - 1. Jesus tempted through the lust of the flesh – hunger.
 - 2. Jesus tempted through the pride of life – cast self down from temple to be miraculously saved by God.
 - 3. Jesus tempted through the lust of the eyes – shown glory of the kingdoms of the earth.
 - 4. Devil leaves after failure to entice Jesus to sin – angels minister to Jesus.

- B. Jesus leaves Nazareth to begin preaching in Galilee following news of John being imprisoned (4:12-17).
 - 1. Jesus dwells in Capernaum fulfilling prophecy concerning light coming to the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali (v.12-16, cf. Isa. 9:1,2).
 - 2. Jesus begins to teach: Repent for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand (v.17).

- C. Jesus calls Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John from work as fisherman on the Sea of Galilee to become fishers of men (4:18-22).

- D. Jesus teaches in the synagogues of Galilee and miraculously heals the sick- great multitudes hear of His reputation and follow Him (4:23-25).

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Who led Jesus to the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil?
Why was this an important event in Jesus' life?

- 2. In what ways was Jesus tempted in all points as we are (cf. Hebrews 4:15, I Jn. 2:16)?

- 3. What example did Jesus show us for overcoming the temptation to sin?

- 4. Was Jesus "tempted" by the Devil from the standpoint of Jesus being "just a man"?

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5. What principle regarding interpreting Scripture did Jesus show us in dealing with the wiles of the Devil?

6. Why did Jesus withdraw into Galilee?

7. What prophecy did Jesus fulfill when he came to dwell and preach in Capernaum?

8. In Galilee Jesus “began to _____ and to say, ‘ _____ ye; for the _____ of _____ is _____.’ “.

9. Jesus called Peter and Andrew who were _____ to be _____ of men.

10. Was this the first time Peter and Andrew had met Jesus?

11. What did James and John sons of Zebedee leave to follow Jesus?

12. From Jesus’ work in Galilee, is claiming a difference between “teaching” and “preaching” a distinction without a difference?

13. What “all” did Jesus heal the people of when they came to Him?

14. What kind of crowds followed Jesus?