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Jesus Says

It Is Written

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- **The Mystery of Jesus' Temptations**

- Temptation: normal for weak and fallen humanity
I Cor 10:13 – ‘common to man’
- But God cannot be tempted by evil. James 1:13,15
- God the Son's temptations were real – and are a real encouragement to us. Heb 2:14-18; 4:15-16
- Jesus neither sinned nor had a sin nature
Heb 4:15, John 8:29; II Cor 5:21;
I Pet 1:19; 2:22; I Jn 3:5
- Was Jesus able not to sin, or not able to sin?
- If He was capable of sinning then either He was not God or else God is capable of sinning...
- Romans 11:33 He is gloriously ‘inscrutable’!

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- The Mystery of Jesus' Temptations
- The Course of Jesus' Temptations

The Setting – vs. 1,2

– Jesus was led by the Spirit ... to be tempted

– To tempt and to test

- Tempt = to entice, solicit someone to evil
- Test = to prove the value or quality of something

Whether a situation is a temptation or a test depends on our response and from whose perspective it is viewed.

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- **The Course of Jesus' Temptations**

The Setting – vs. 1,2

The Tests – vs. 3-4, 5-8, 9-12

Common theme of the temptations:

*Acting outside of the Father's good and perfect will,
take matter into your own hands*

- Vs 3-4 Meet your needs your own way
- Vs. 5-8 Follow the quick, easy path, not God's
- Vs. 9-12 Expect God to do what is not His will

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- **Personal Application of Jesus' Temptations**
 - God never tempts us, but He often tests us – and His testing is for our good and His glory
 - I Cor 10:13 – a ‘fingernail verse’ for when we face severe trials
 - Sin always involves taking matters into our own hands and acting outside of God’s will
 - The importance of the Bible in resisting temptation
 - Jesus ultimately received all that Satan offered (and more), but He would have lost it all if He went about it Satan’s way
 - No one understands like Jesus!