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**Committed to Christ**  
**Matthew 4:1-11**  
**Pastor Mark Haywood**

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## Using This Study

### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

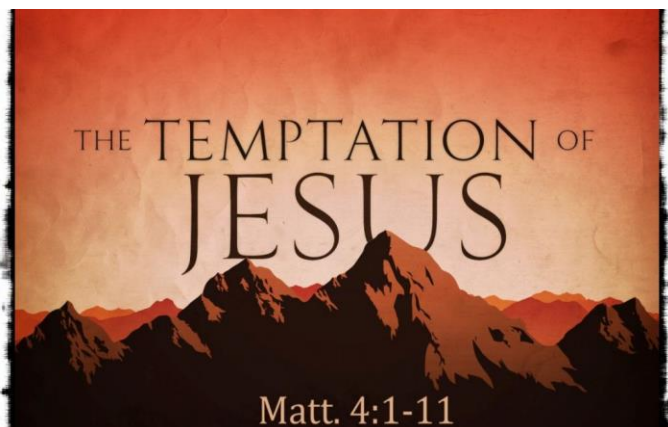
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

## committed to CHRIST

This week Pastor Mark Haywood from God's Household of Faith will be sharing with us. He has been the pastor of GHOF for many years and we are blessed that He and His church are worshiping with us for July and August. His message will come from Matthew 4:1-11. This is the passage about Jesus being tempted in the desert. Jesus has a commitment to God and to the Father's plan. His commitment is stronger than the temptations that Satan puts before Him. Pastor Haywood is going to share about our commitment to Christ. Why is it important for us to have a strong unwavering commitment to Christ? What would the church look like if we all had a strong unwavering commitment?



## Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

# Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

**4** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.<sup>3</sup>The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup>"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.'"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup>"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

### 🕯 **EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

② **EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)

**What does God MEAN?**

8. How did Jesus show His commitment to God?

9. Did the temptations really tempt Jesus to break His commitment to God?

10. Are you committed to Christ?

11. Why is it important to be committed to Christ?

**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

**Why does this MATTER to me?**

12. What does being committed to Christ look like in your life?

13. How or what might you change (add, delete, modify matters in your life or thoughts) to increase/improve your commitment to Christ?

14. What kind of church would we have if all Christians were committed to Christ like you?

**Summarize your thoughts on the passage**

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES