

Bible Study 1 – Facing temptations – Matthew 4:1-11

Self-control failure leads to increased consumption of alcohol in young males. University experiments in the Netherlands showed that making them more aware of their drinking, seems to counteract this effect and appears to be a promising strategy in facing the temptation to drink. But young males aren't the only ones who face temptations.

The context	Before Jesus began to preach, he was baptised by John the Baptist and then tempted by Satan. The first man, Adam, and Jesus are contrasted in the Bible. Adam failed when He was tempted by Satan. How would Jesus respond when He was tempted by Satan? Jesus was unique as although He could be tempted externally by Satan, He couldn't be tempted from within. This temptation proved that even when under tremendous pressure Jesus could do nothing but obey God's word.
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PART 1 Read and summarise each section – Matthew 4:1-11

First temptation (v.1-4)	
Second temptation (v.5-7)	
Third temptation (v.8-11)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What I learnt about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.

2. What I learnt about people like us.

3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. How do you think we can we obey James 4:7-8:

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you”?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Satan can tempt us any time, but we can overcome his temptation by resisting with truths in the Bible.



