

JESUS DID NOT YIELD TO TEMPTATION

Matthew 4:1-25.

LESSON 17 -- Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: **“Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God” (Matthew 4:10).**

TEXTS

Matthew 4:1-25.

1 ¶ Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

12 ¶ Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;

13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

15 The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

18 ¶ And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

23 ¶ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.

NOTES

The Wicked One wanted Jesus to Do a Miracle

Jesus was in a lonely place forty days and forty nights, and had not had food. He was hungry. The devil knew it, and he thought it would be a good time to get Jesus to do the wrong thing. So he told Jesus to turn those stones into bread and eat it. Jesus could have done it very easily, but He would not do a miracle to please the devil. He would not do anything that the devil told Him to do, for Jesus knew the devil would not tell Him to do what was right. He never does tell men to do the right thing. Jesus said that men needed bread to eat, but they also needed to obey God's Word.

The Wicked One Wanted Jesus to Displease God

The wicked one took Jesus to the top of the high Temple and told Him to throw Himself down to the ground. He said that God would take care of Him and He would not be hurt. But Jesus again refused to do what the devil told Him to do, because He knew the devil did not tell Him the truth and only wanted Him to do what was wrong. God will take care of those who love and trust Him when they are in danger where they cannot help themselves, but He does not want people to get into needless danger and then expect Him to take care of them. Some people do that, but Jesus did not.

The Wicked One Wanted Jesus to Worship Him

Last of all, the devil took Jesus to a high mountain and showed Him many things, and said he would give it all to Jesus if He would fall down and worship him. It was a terrible thing for the devil to ask Jesus to do, and Jesus told him that God's Word said people should worship God only.

Angels Came to Jesus to Care for Him

When Jesus finally told the devil to go, he went away. Then angels came to Jesus; perhaps they brought Him food to eat, and took good care of Him. God was surely pleased with Jesus for not obeying the devil, and for doing only the things that He knew would please God. God said Jesus was His beloved Son in Whom He was well pleased.

QUESTIONS

1. How long did Jesus fast? Matthew 4:2.
2. Could Jesus have made bread out of stones? Matthew 28:18; Psalm 50:12.
3. Did the devil leave when Jesus told him to go? Matthew 4:11.
4. Who came to Jesus then? Matthew 4:11.
5. What should we do when Satan tempts us? James 4:7.

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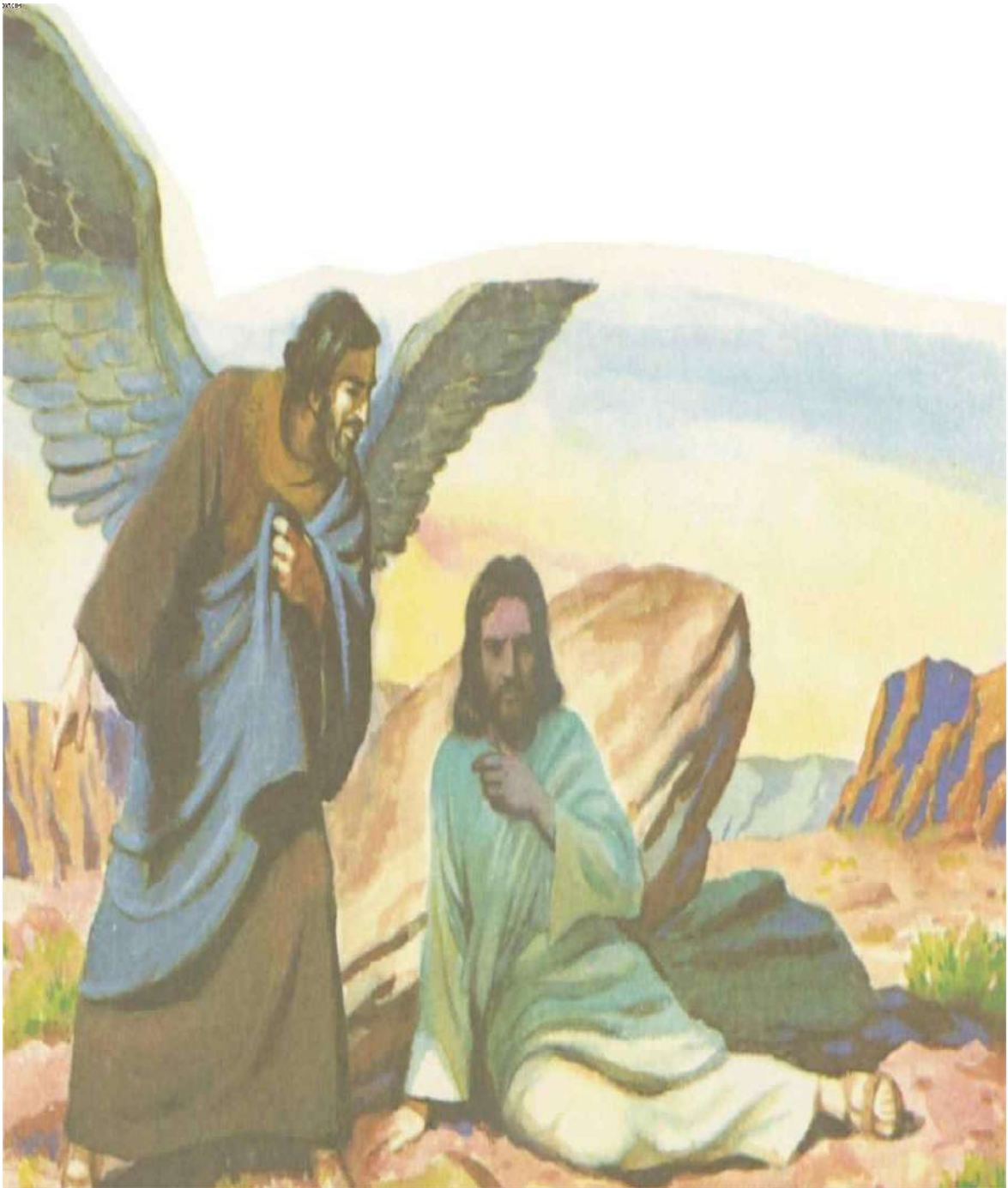
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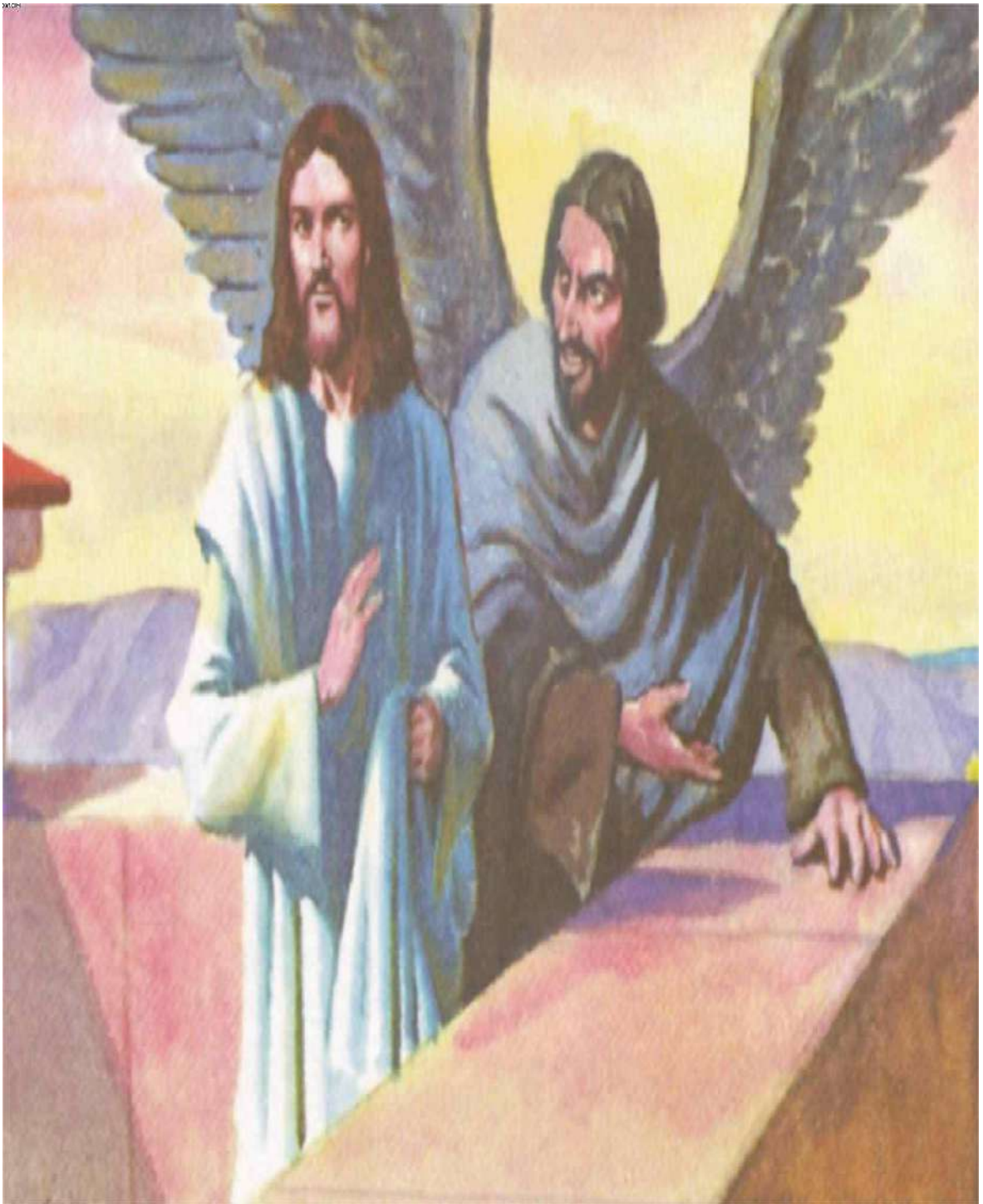
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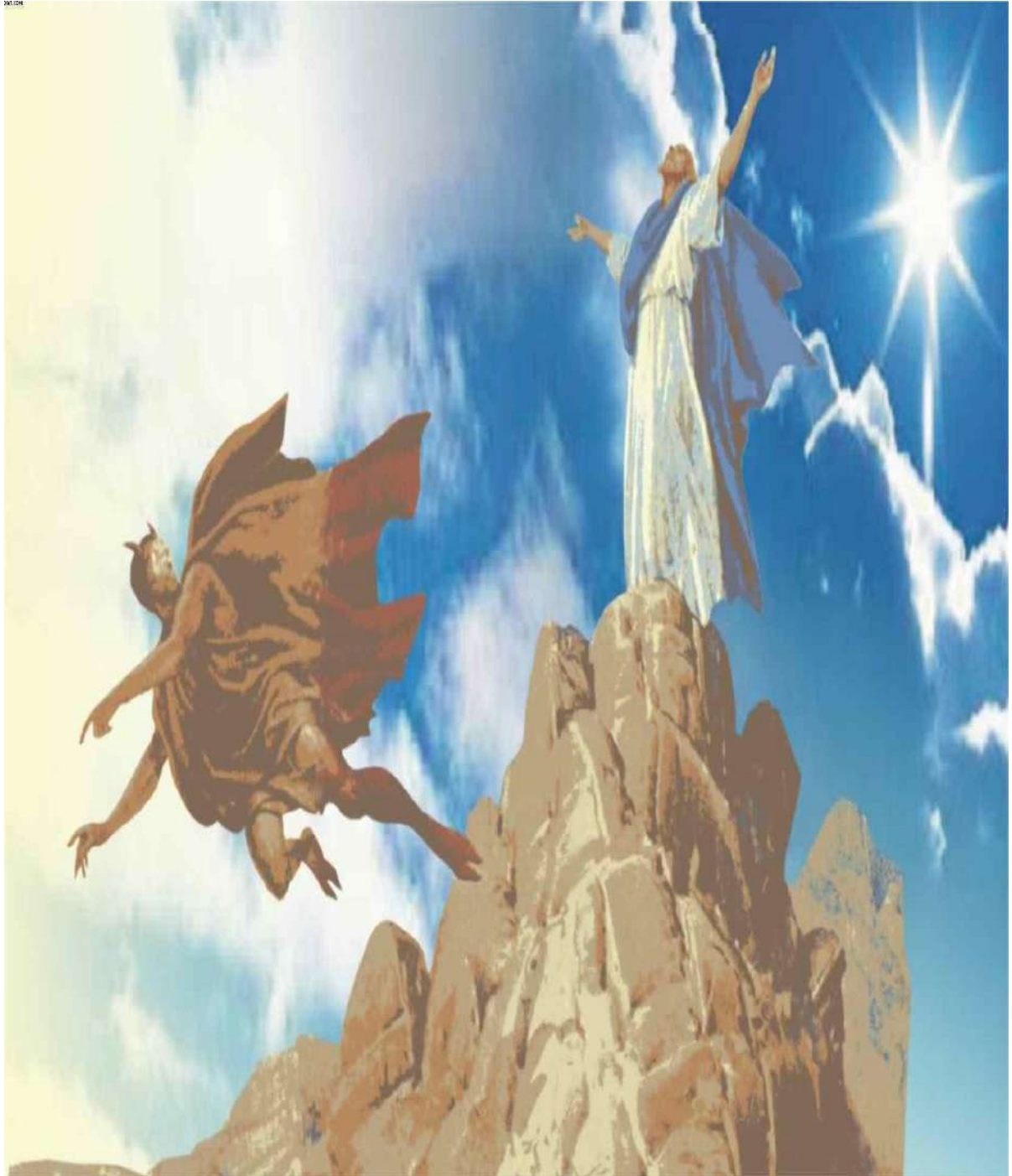
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PICTURE 5



I Met Jesus At The Crossroad

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I Met Jesus At The Crossroad

**I met Jesus at the crossroad,
Where the two ways meet;
Satan too was standing there, and he said
Come this way, lots and lots of pleasures
I will give to you today”
But I said “no, there’s Jesus here;
See what He offers me:
Down here my sins forgiven,
Up there a home in heaven”
Praise God that’s the way for me.**