

A TALE OF TWO TEMPTATIONS

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1) Act Like God: Matthew 4:1-4

2) Prove You're God: Matthew 4:5-7

3) Take What's God's: Matthew 4:8-11

Weekday Application Questions:

- a) EQUIP:** Read Genesis 3 again. And then read Matthew 4:1-11. How does Jesus react when he is tempted in a similar way to Adam and Eve? How does Jesus' success in this passage help his mission and ministry get started?
- b) ENGAGE:** The aftermath of Jesus' temptation scene involves the calling of the disciples - the first time Jesus says 'Follow me!'. And part of the temptation passage is staking a claim that Jesus is indeed someone worth following. How might Jesus' reversal of the original temptation of humanity change the way you describe him to your friends and family who do not yet know who he is?
- c) EXALT:** Read Philippians 2:5-11 every day this week. Remind yourself daily that Jesus did not come as the incarnate Son of God to lord his divinity over others for his own benefit, even though that is exactly what Satan tempted him to do. He came humbly, meekly, and lovingly to begin the restoration of a broken creation.
- d) YOUR "ONE THING":** Jesus succeeded where Adam and Eve failed. He succeeded where we fail too. As part of your prayer life this week, intentionally thank Jesus for being the savior we needed: one who has already succeeded on our behalf in spite of our failures.