

## Life of Christ Series – Week 6

*“That is why we have a great High Priest who has gone to heaven, Jesus the Son of God. Let us cling to Him and never stop trusting Him! This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for He faced all of the same temptations we do, yet He did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God, to receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it.”* Hebrews 4:14-16

### **THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS – MATTHEW 4:1-11**

- 1. The Temptation of Physical Desires - Matthew 4:3-4**
- 2. The Temptation of Personal Gain - Matthew 4:5-7**
- 3. The Temptation of Power and Glory - Matthew 4:8-11**

#### **Take away thoughts for today's notes:**

- 1. Satan is a defeated enemy! Colossians 2:15, Hebrews 2:14*
- 2. When tempted – appeal to Scripture. Matthew 4:4*
- 3. There is always an escape from temptation! I Corin. 10:13, II Peter 2:9*
- 4. Resist Satan and he will leave you. James 4:7*
- 5. Jesus - Our High Priest - sympathizes with us! He is completely able to help us when we are tempted! Hebrews 4:14-16*

## *Small Group Questions*

1. Do you think Satan knew whom he was tempting?  
Matthew 4:3,6
2. What benefits did Satan offer Jesus?
3. What was significant about Satan taking Psalm 91:11-12 out of context?
4. Did Satan really have the right to offer Christ “all the kingdoms of the world...” ?
5. How did Jesus answer Satan?
6. Is this the only time Satan tempted Jesus? See Luke 4:13
7. What happened after the wilderness temptation?
8. Could Jesus have sinned during the temptation experience?  
See II Corinthians 5:21, I Peter 2:22, Hebrews 4:15, I John 3:5  
John 14:30, Hebrews 7:26
9. What does this example of Jesus’ temptation teach us concerning our temptations?