

# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

## Jesus being tested

**4** <sup>1</sup>Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert that he be put to the test by the devil. <sup>2</sup>After spending forty days and nights without food, Jesus was hungry. <sup>3</sup>Then the devil came to him and said:

—If you are the Son of God, order these stones to turn into bread.

<sup>4</sup>But Jesus answered:

—Scripture says: *one does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took Jesus to the holy city, set him on the highest wall of the temple, and said to him:

<sup>6</sup>—If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for scripture says, *God has given orders to his angels about you. Their hands will hold you up lest you hurt your foot against a stone.*

<sup>7</sup>Jesus answered:

—But scripture also says: *You shall not put to the test the Lord your God.*

<sup>8</sup>Then the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the nations of the world in all their greatness and splendor. And he said:

<sup>9</sup>—All this I will give you, if you kneel and worship me. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus answered:

—Be off, Satan! Scripture says: *worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.*

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

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