

# Jesus' Identification with Us Challenged at the Temptation

## WHY JESUS ANSWERS / REFUSES TO ANSWER AT HIS TRIALS

**Matthew 4:1** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

2 And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.

3 And the tempter came and said to Him, ~~"If~~ "Since You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

**John 8:28** I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.

4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

5 Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple,

6 and said to Him, ~~"If~~ "Since You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU'; and 'ON THEIR HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'"

7 Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"

8 Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory;

**2 Kings 2:19** Then the men of the city said to Elisha, "Behold now, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water ~~is bad~~ causes miscarriages and the land is unfruitful."

9 and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me."

**Ezekiel 28:17** "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor

10 Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"

**11** Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him.

**Isaiah 53:7** He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth.

**Matthew 26:62** The high priest stood up and said to Him, "Do You not answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?"

**63** But Jesus kept silent.

And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God."

**64** Jesus said to him, "You have said it; ~~yourself~~ nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

**John 18:19** The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples, and about His teaching.

**20** Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world

**Luke 23:8** Now Herod {Antipas} was very glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him.

**9** And he questioned Him at some length; but He answered him nothing.

**10** And the chief priests and the scribes were standing there, accusing Him vehemently.

**Matthew 27:11** Now Jesus stood before the governor {Pilate}, and the governor questioned Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

And Jesus said to him, "It is as you say."

**12** And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He did not answer.

**13** Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?"

**14** And He did not answer him with regard to even a single charge,

**2 Corinthians 5:21** He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we ~~might~~ **would** become the righteousness of God in Him.