

## Study of Matthew Matthew 4:13 – 17

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**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** How does resurrection power encourage you in temptation?

**TODAY: Matt 4:1-11**

Hebrews 4:14-16 *“Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”* [KJV]

We now begin to get insight into Jesus, fully God, taking on humanity and fulfilling the needed position as God becoming man. In HIS humanity HE is tempted in everyway just like we are. HIS overcoming every temptation is part of the Easter Story. If Jesus does not overcome the temptations of this life then there would have been no resurrection. If there was no resurrection, then we would still be lost in our sins.

Notice:

### 1. Escort (vs. 1)

It is the Holy Spirit that leads, guides, directs, shows the way, literally carries along a particular course.

God never tempts us to sin but the Bible is clear God will allow you to be put into circumstances where satan and satanic forces will tempt you.

Think of Joseph in the Old Testament. He is carried along a journey that leads him into Egypt and in Potiphar’s House. This journey brings favor but puts him in a place to be tempted as Potiphar’s wife sets her eyes on him.

When you allow the Holy Spirit to lead, HE will sometimes escort you right into a place where temptation is at, but the same Spirit that is leading and giving you favor will help you to make the right decisions!

### 2. Endurance (vs. 2)

Here we find the man, Christ Jesus, denying Himself. He refuses what is allowed; abstains from what is permissible to obtain what is greater.

### 3. Enemy & Enticement (vs. 3 – 10)

Now at a weak point physically, the tempter shows up. Interesting that at the beginning of Creation, this same tempter shows up. He showed up in the garden to redirect the worth of Adam & Eve away from God and Worship to self.

We must distinguish between temptation from without and those from within. Those from within are uncontrolled appetites (not speaking of food but certainly gluttony could be one); we speak of evil passions that are in the flesh (human heart)

The test that the scripture speak of are circumstances from without that come to test one's character and the steadfastness of their faith. Jesus gives us the example of how to overcome.

Here we find 3 temptations that the enemy gives to all

#### a. Physical (vs. 3 – 4)

#### b. Power (vs. 5 – 7)

#### c. Pride (vs. 8 – 10)

### 4. Encouragement (vs. 11)

Because Jesus overcame the temptation of the devil, HE can move to the cross and resurrection.

Because we now get to experience resurrection power, now we too can overcome the temptation of the enemy!

Romans 8:9-11 *"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."* [KJV]