

<sup>23</sup> Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his public ministry. Jesus was known as the son of Joseph. Joseph was the son of Heli. <sup>24</sup> Heli was the son of Matthat. Matthat was the son of Levi.- ...

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where he was tempted by the devil for forty days.

# TESTS AND TEMPTATIONS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR LIFE OF FAITH



...Jesus ate nothing all that time and became very hungry. <sup>3</sup> Then the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup> But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone.'"



## WE OVERCOME TEMPTATION BY REFUSING TO USE WHAT GOD PROVIDES FOR SELFISH GAINS



<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. <sup>6</sup> "I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them," the devil said, "because they are mine to give to anyone I please.

<sup>7</sup> I will give it all to you if you will worship me."
<sup>8</sup> Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"



## WE OVERCOME TEMPTATION BY REJECTING OTHER SOURCES OF FULFILLMENT



<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! <sup>10</sup> For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect and guard you.

<sup>11</sup> And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.' " 12 Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.' " 13 When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left him until the next opportunity came.



