



Biblical Drama based on Matthew 4:1-11 — Character Parts: Narrators 1-10, Jesus, Satan

Narrator 1: After Jesus' baptism at the River Jordan, he was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Jesus went without food for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.
That's when the devil came to tempt Jesus.

Jesus: Father, I give you thanks for leading and guiding me. I trust in your Word to give me strength. Sustain me with the power of the Spirit.

The devil slowly sneaks up on Jesus.

Satan: There he is! Now is my chance to overpower him while he is hungry and weak.

Narrator 2: Seeing that Jesus was tired and hungry, the devil began by tempting Jesus to satisfy his physical desires.

Satan: If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.

Narrator 3: But Jesus resisted the devil with the Word of God.

Jesus: It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Narrator 4: Seeing his failure, the devil then tried to get Jesus to use his power to do something foolish and unsafe.

Narrator 5: The devil took Jesus to the holy city and placed him on the highest point of the temple, telling Jesus to jump. The devil even tried to use the Bible against Jesus.

Satan: If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here; for it is written in Scripture, "God will command his angels to protect you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Narrator 6: But Jesus was not fooled. Once more he resisted with the Word of God.

Jesus: Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."

Narrator 7: Seeing his second failure, finally the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. He hoped to tempt Jesus by the riches of earthly wealth and power.

Satan: All of this power and wealth I will give you, if you will just bow down and worship me.

Narrator 8: Jesus resisted once more with the Word of God.

Jesus: Be gone! Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve!"

Narrator 9: When the devil found that he was defeated, he went away, waiting for a chance to come back again.

Satan: Just you wait, I'll find another time ... and you'll be sorry!

Satan disappears in a puff of smoke.

Narrator 10: Suddenly, the angels came and waited on the Lord. Jesus had remained faithful in the face of every temptation, drawing strength from God's Word.