



storyline

OF THE BIBLE

Matthew 3:13-4:11

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized,

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immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written, ““Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””

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⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, “If 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, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written,

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‘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.⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

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“You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

The Preparation of Jesus

Passing through water symbolizes:

- Judgement and grace
- Death and Life
- Marks newness

Matthew 3:14-15

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The Preparation of Jesus

His temptations were God-ordained, but not God inflicted.

Matthew 4:2-4

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Deuteronomy 8:2-3

And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

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³ And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

The Preparation of Jesus

Physical deprivation is not always bad, sometimes it can be the will/work of God because it tests our faith and strengthens it.

Philippians 3:18-19

For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

Matthew 4:5-7

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The Preparation of Jesus

Real faith and trust delights in God's manifestation of Himself in the ordinary. Submission and demanding are at opposite ends of the spectrum.

Matthew 4:8-11

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The Preparation of Jesus

Sin makes thousands of broken promises that it never can truly fulfill. True fulfillment and joy comes through our obedience to the LORD.