

SERMON
Tempted for the Tempted
Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus is God's Son who obeys when tempted.

1) The schemes of Satan

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 4:1-11

⁴ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 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."

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."

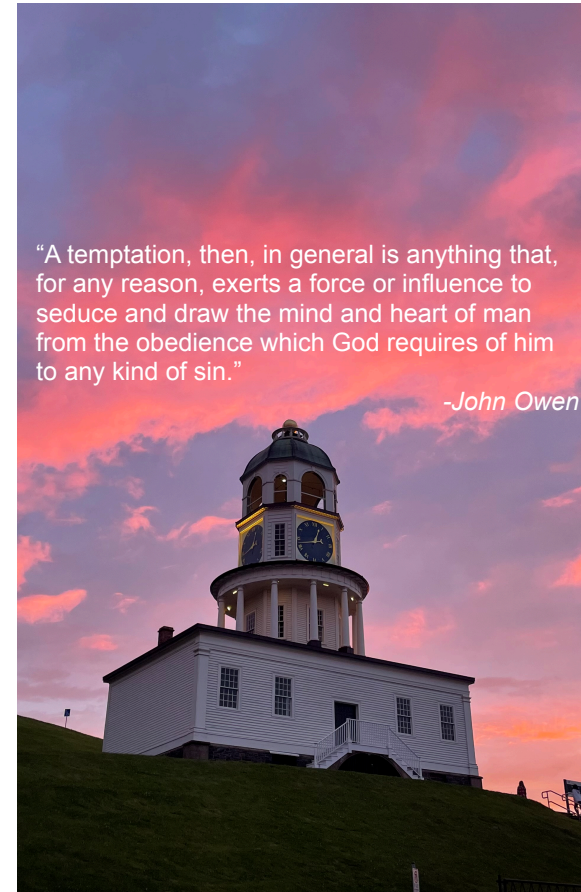
⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"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.

2) The three temptations

3) The significance of obedience



**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

April 26, 2026
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Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us today. We envision a church worshipping with joy, loving each other with compassion and reaching out to the world with grace and justice.

CHILDREN

There is Children's Church for children between the ages of 3 to 10. Downstairs there is also a nursery and a separate room for nursing mothers.

UPCOMING

English Conversation Group: April 29, 12:45 p.m.

MudBlast Retreat: May 1–3 at Malagash Bible Camp, for kids in grades 2–6. For more information, visit malagashbiblecamp.com

Mothers' Day Luncheon: May 8, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. RSVP online: bedfordpca.org/rsvp/mday

Church Bonfire: May 16th, 6:30 p.m. Hosted at Ed & Eliza's residence.

Women's Retreat: May 22–24 Malagash Bible Camp. For more information: malagashbiblecamp.com

Calvin and Hops: May 29th, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Christ Church Halifax Office. Discussion based on Calvin's Institutes Book 1 Chapters 14-15 5th Edition.

BIBLE STUDIES

- **Adult Bible study:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays via Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell. Meets next on May 6. Studying 1 Samuel.
- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the home of Laura Priddle studying Joshua. The 7:15 p.m. Monday evening study on Romans meets every other week.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Family of the week: Glenn and Ann Wadden and their family

HOW TO GIVE

E-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Leader: We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**People: We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: Teach us your ways and make straight our
paths in this hour of worship and always.**
—based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

HYMN OF PRAISE

To God be the Glory

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 3:1-5

3 For behold, the Lord God of hosts
is taking away from Jerusalem and from Judah
support and supply
all support of bread,
and all support of water;
2 the mighty man and the soldier,
the judge and the prophet,
the diviner and the elder,
3 the captain of fifty
and the man of rank,
the counsellor and the skillful magician
and the expert in charms.
4 And I will make boys their princes,
and infants shall rule over them.
5 And the people will oppress one another,
every one his fellow
and every one his neighbour;
the youth will be insolent to the elder,
and the despised to the honourable.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on Old Testament reading

SONG OF REFLECTION

Psalm 91

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we
confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and
our offences against you. You alone know how
often we have sinned in wandering from your
ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your
love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are
ashamed and sorry for all we have done to
displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to
live in your light and walk in your ways, for the
sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: ⁵This is the message we have heard from him
and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him
is no darkness at all.

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another, and the
blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
—1 John 1:5, 7

SONGS OF RENEWAL

Crowns
Still

NEW TESTAMENT READING

JAMES 3:1-12

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers,
for you know that we who teach will be judged with
greater strictness. **2** For we all stumble in many ways. And
if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a
perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. **3** If we
put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us,
we guide their whole bodies as well. **4** Look at the ships
also: though they are so large and are driven by strong
winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever
the will of the pilot directs. **5** So also the tongue is a small
member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small
fire! **6** And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness.
The tongue is set among our members, staining the
whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and
set on fire by hell. **7** For every kind of beast and bird, of

reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been
tamed by mankind, **8** but no human being can tame the
tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. **9** With it
we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse
people who are made in the likeness of God. **10** From the
same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers,
these things ought not to be so. **11** Does a spring pour
forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water?
12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine
produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

Prayer for the Wadden Family & Emergency Workers

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be
thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be
done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

SERMON

Tempted for the Tempted

Rev. Jim Poopalapillai

CLOSING HYMN

Once Again

BENEDICTION

Leader: May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us,
and the love of God, which enables us to love
all, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which
unites us in one body, make us eager to obey
the will of God until we meet again, through
Jesus Christ, our Lord.
—based on 2 Corinthians 13:13

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who
love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!