

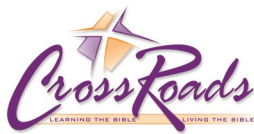


# UNDERSTANDING TEMPTATION

Matthew 4  
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- Temptation – “that which is presented to the \_\_\_\_\_ as an inducement to evil.”
- *“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.” 2 Corinthians 11:3*
- Satan is the ultimate author of all evil enticements.
- *“For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.” 1 Thessalonians 3:5*
- *“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”  
**Ephesians 6:11***
- In our text, Satan attempts to tempt Christ three distinct and separate times.
- The threefold nature of temptation is explained in 1 John 2:16.

- *“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.” 1 John 2:16*
- *“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.” Hebrews 4:15*
- Adam and Eve fell to all three of them in a beautiful garden. Genesis 3:6
- Christ conquered all three of them.
- We **can** \_\_\_\_\_ temptation!
- *“Above all, taking the shield of \_\_\_\_\_, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.” Ephesians 6:16*
- How do I take the shield of faith and quench those fiery darts? We will examine each of Satan’s attempts to seduce and tempt Christ, and we will discover the key to overcoming temptation.



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