Temptation of Jesus: IDENTITY TEST in mental courtroom

Devil: Satan:

* a “murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth. . . he is a liar and the father of it (John 8:44)
* diabolos:1228: false accuser, slanderer; prosecuting attorney

Matt 3:17 Jesus’ sonship established by God (all three temptations were a challenge to Jesus

 as the ‘son of God,’ IF YOU ARE the son of God. . . then do this and this and this.

Challenge to Jesus:

**Matt 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.**

wilderness: 597:16

tempted: *peirazo*: 3984: to test, scrutinize, entice, examine, prove, try

**Matt 4:2**

**And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.**

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Then said Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: ***for it is written,*** Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

**Jesus goes straight to the first commandment and stays right there.**

What kind of power is he tempting Jesus with? Political power

Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple

And saith unto him, **IF thou be the Son of God,** cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Why is the devil using the Scriptures?

Ps 91 distorts it and tempts Jesus

**Jesus said unto him, *It is written again,* Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.**

What part of the Lord’s prayer does Jesus pray to get rid of the this temptation? Lead me not into temptation

What kind of power is he tempting Jesus with? Ecclesiastical power

# POWER STRUGGLE

And when the tempter came to him, he said,

**IF thou be the Son of God**, command that these stones be made bread.

But he answered and said, ***It is written,*** Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

What is the tempter challenging?

IF you are the son of God, use your powers to find food

Where does Jesus turn for his defense?

The Scriptures

What kind of power is he tempting Jesus with? Personal power