

# Being Tempted

*“Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,  
returned from the Jordan and was led around  
by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days,  
being tempted by the devil.*

*And He ate nothing during those days,  
and when they had ended, He was hungry.”  
Luke 4:1-2 (NASB)*

*“If we are faithless, He remains faithful,  
for He cannot deny Himself.”  
2 Timothy 2:13 (NASB)*

People who are comedians know that the timing of their comments can be crucial to producing a funny story. Many true events in life are made significant because of when they occur. A proposal of marriage when a teenager is not as important as such a proposal in mid-twenties.

When our Lord was baptized, the Holy Spirit led Him into the wilderness where He stayed for 40 days without any food. The timing of our Lord's temptation was strategic. As always, Satan knew when to attack. When we are weak physically from lack of food we are also mentally and spiritually weak. The elderly can also be targets of Satan's evil work. He is a ruthless, vicious enemy and we need all the resources of heaven to ward off his attacks.

At the beginning and end of His work on earth the Master was tested to the limit. Satan appeared and sought to deflect Him from His mission. No one has ever endured the assault on their moral character that our

beloved Saviour experienced. We marvel at His steadfast character as He was immersed in the most intense spiritual battle of the ages and endured unscathed.

Do you know Him? Have you investigated His story? Why do you doubt His love for sinners when He endured indescribable suffering for the likes of you and me?

What other way could the Good Shepherd show His eternal love for us than the path of suffering He did endure? Come to Him today. He can be seen in the Gospels with wonderful clarity. Marvel at the beauty of His moral character. Wonder at how patient He was with those who opposed Him. Find your heart full with love for the greatest man in history. He has given us so many reasons to bow before Him lost in wonder, love, and praise. Come and come today.

There is a green hill far away,  
Without a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord  
was crucified,

Who died to save us all.

Oh, dearly, dearly has He loved,  
And died our sins to bear;  
We trust in His  
redeeming blood,  
And life eternal share.

We may not know,  
we cannot tell,  
What pains He had to bear;  
But we believe it was for us  
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we  
might be forgiven,  
He died to make us good,  
That we might  
from our sins be freed,  
Saved by His precious blood.

There was no  
other good enough  
To pay the price of sin,  
He only could divine life give  
And dwell Himself within.

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