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Who led Jesus into the desert?	Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert.	Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert.	Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert.
Who tempted Jesus?	Jesus was tempted by the devil.	Jesus was tempted by Satan.	Jesus was tempted by the devil.
How long did Jesus spend in the desert?	Jesus spent forty days and forty nights in the desert. (In the Bible, the word 'wilderness' is used.)	Jesus spent forty days in the desert. (In the Bible, the word 'wilderness' is used.)	Jesus spent forty days in the desert. (In the Bible, the word 'wilderness' is used.)

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What happened?	<p>1. The devil came to him and said, "If you are God's Son, order these stones to turn into bread."</p> <p>2. The devil took Jesus to the highest point of the Temple and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down."</p> <p>3. The devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and said he would give them all to him if Jesus would kneel down and worship him.</p>	<p>Jesus was tempted by Satan.</p> <p>It also says that wild animals were there.</p>	<p>1. The devil said, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into bread."</p> <p>2. The devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and said he would give them all to Jesus if he would worship him.</p> <p>3. The devil took Jesus to the highest point of the Temple in Jerusalem and said, "If you are the Son of God throw yourself down from here."</p>

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How did Jesus respond?	<p>1. Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word, that comes from the mouth of God.'"</p> <p>2. Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"</p> <p>3. Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"</p>	<p>This is not mentioned in this gospel.</p>	<p>1. Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man cannot live by bread alone but needs every word that God speaks. ' "</p> <p>2. Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'"</p> <p>3. Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test'"</p>
Who helped Jesus?	<p>Angels helped Jesus in the desert.</p>	<p>Angels helped Jesus in the desert.</p>	<p>This account does not mention anyone who helped Jesus.</p>

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1. What is similar about these accounts of the time Jesus spent in the desert?

**Most of the details in Matthew and Luke's accounts are the same. All three state that Jesus spent forty days in the desert.**

2. What is different about these accounts of the time Jesus spent in the desert?

**Mark's account has much less detail. Mark's account mentions wild animals in the desert whereas the others do not.**

3. How does Jesus respond to these temptations? What does he use to help him resist?

**Jesus quoted scripture or text from the Bible to resist these temptations.**

4. Why do you think the way in which Jesus responded is important to Christians?

**Answers will vary, such as: The way in which Jesus responded is important because he used what the Bible says to give him the strength to resist. Christians believe what the Bible says gives them strength to resist temptation and live as God wants them to.**