

Personal Study

For week of January 12, 2025

Use this resource to aid in your own personal time with the Lord this week. Each day, reread the same verses through the lens of one aspect of study (observation, interpretation, and so on). In reflecting deeply on His Word, we come to know Him better, trust Him more, and live transformed.



OVERVIEW: Matthew 4:1-11

In Matthew 4:1-11, Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan after fasting for 40 days. Each temptation targets His identity and mission, yet Jesus responds with scripture, standing firm where we so often fall. He proves Himself as the only true deliverer—perfectly resisting sin so He could one day bear it for us. If Jesus is our greatest deliverer, why would we keep trusting lesser ones?

OBSERVATION: What Does the Text Say?

- What verses stuck out to you?
- What do you wonder? What do you notice?

INTERPRETATION: What Does the Text Mean?

- What did you learn about **God's character**, **gospel**, **commands**, and/or **promises**?
- For further study, read Hebrews 4:15, Colossians 1:13-14, and 1 Corinthians 10:13. What do these texts teach you about Matthew 4 and Jesus being your deliverer?

APPLICATION: What Action Will You Take?

- Are there sins to confess, examples to follow, or actions to take from this passage?
- How does this passage encourage you to trust God more?

REFLECTION: How Will You Abide In The Text?

- What is God showing you about Himself, and how will you respond?
- What verse can you memorize?
- What are some personal reflections you can journal?

CONVERSATION: How Will You Share This With Others?

- What question or insight do you need to share with someone this week?