



## I. The Reason

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil."

Matthew 4:1

## II. The Rival

## III. The Road Map

"Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'" Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him.

Matthew 4:10-11

Life Group Study Notes: **The Test**—Matthew 4:1-11

- 1, What comes to mind when you read the word 'temptation?' Why is temptation such an awful thing to experience?
2. Why do you think the Holy Spirit led Jesus into such a hard place to face such an awful foe? What did this test prove and provide?
3. What does this moment reveal about our spiritual enemy, the Devil? What is it that he is after (4:9)?
4. What are the three areas of temptations that the Devil tries out on Jesus? Which of these do you think is the easiest for you to fall into? Why?
5. What is the danger of seeking short cuts to God's promises? Have you ever been tempted to do so? What was the result?
6. Satan comes at us when we are at our weakest (mentally, emotionally and spiritually). What has Jesus done (40 days and nights) to be strong, even though hungry and exhausted?
7. How does Jesus use the Word of God in His battle with Satan & temptation?
8. How does Jesus preoccupation with His Father deliver Him from Satan's lies and power?