



WHO WILL BE THE STRONGEST? JESUS OR THE DEVIL?

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On our last show, we talked about Jesus' baptism **Slide 2** in the Jordan River. Speaking of this, what happened at the moment when Jesus came out of the water? Do you remember that Heaven opened **Slide 3** and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in the form of a dove and a voice from heaven was heard?

This voice said:

Slide 4 - This is my beloved son in whom I have put all my affection.

Jesus returned from the Jordan and **Slide 5** the Spirit of God led him to a place that was not at all welcoming but... **Slide 6** for what? **Slide 7** What exactly will happen there for over a month?

Well, we will find out but before Here is our question: **Slide 8** Who is the winner in this fight?

You can answer them at the end of this story.

Slide 9 WHO WILL WIN?

Slide 10 Jesus had just been baptized by John and the Spirit of God is going to take Him to a place where neither you nor I would want to live. It is a sad and miserable place in the desert where nothing grows, there are only pebbles and a few wild animals.

Slide 11 For forty days and forty nights, **Slide 12** Jesus neither ate nor drank. He was very hungry and the devil knew that, he took the opportunity to tempt Him. He wanted to get Him to disobey God.

The devil said to Jesus:

Slide 13 - If you really are the Son of God, **Slide 14** command these stones to turn into bread!

Slide 15 Yes, Jesus was very hungry, but would He obey Satan? No!

He replies:

Slide 16 - God says that in order to live, man does not only need to eat bread, but he also needs **Slide 17** to feed on God's Word.

Slide 18 The devil was very angry, he hates the Word of God because he knows it is the truth and he prefers **Slide 19** lies, **Slide 20** cunning and deceit, for he is God's enemy.

Slide 21 He took Jesus to Jerusalem, the capital, and placed Him on the top of the Temple and said to Him

Slide 22 - If you are really the Son of God, **Slide 23** throw yourself down because it is written that God will give orders to his angels to carry you in their hands so that you do not hurt your foot by hitting a stone.

The devil always has bad intentions: Why would Jesus throw himself into the void?

Slide 24 Jesus did not come to obey him, to put on a show. **Slide 25** The Temple was a house of prayer and not a place for extravagance.

The devil uses the Word of God as a weapon but Jesus also knows how to handle it and use it as weapon at the right time. He answered:

Slide 26 - It is also written in the Word of God that you must not tempt the Lord your God. And here is a new battle won, but the devil is not discouraged for all that.

Then he carried Jesus **Slide 27** to a very high mountain and showed **Slide 28** Him all the kingdoms of world, all their riches and all their glory. It was an amazing and spectacular sight to behold. The devil said to Jesus:

Slide 29 - I will give you all this wealth if you kneel before me **Slide 30** and worship me.

Just imagine what it would be like to own **Slide 31** all the riches and splendour of the world..... what a terrible temptation. But Jesus did not come to earth for that reason. He came to do good to men, to heal the sick, to deliver from sin, and to give His life.

Slide 32 Enough is enough! The devil dared to ask Jesus to worship him! So with a firm voice full of authority, Jesus ordered him simply to leave!

Slide 33 - Go away, Satan! He said to him. Get out my sight!

For it is also written:

Slide 34 - You must worship the Lord your God and serve only Him

The devil was forced to obey, he was defeated and he fled from Jesus.

Jesus was victorious in all these temptations, He won the fight, **Slide 35** he said "No!" to hell every time. **Slide 36** The Angels of God then come to Him to serve Him.

Slide 37 1, 2 3, 4 AND YOU AND ME!

*It reassures me to know that Jesus was able to overcome all these temptations. Slide 38
Before Him the devil had to flee!*

The devil is terribly wicked; he always tries to attract men, women and children to him to make them unhappy. He has great powers but God is so much more powerful, Slide 39 He is almighty and ... never forget him, Slide 40 Jesus conquered him.

You can read this story again Slide 41 in chapter 4 of Matthew's Gospel.

Now let's answer our question: Slide 42 "Who is victorious in this great battle of the devil against Jesus? Slide 43 Yes! It's Jesus, of course!

Slide 44 4, 3, 2, 1 AND WE PARENTS!

Jesus, who was of divine origin, was also a man of the same nature as us, but He was clothed with the power of Holy Spirit. The devil wanted to trick Him into disobeying God so that the plan of salvation for men would not come to pass.

When Adam and Eve were tempted they were defeated! Jesus however was victorious in all of these temptations.

We can experience times of temptation. To resist and be victorious, we need the Word of God and the help of the Holy Spirit.

By regularly sowing the Word of God in the hearts of our children, we "equip" them to resist and say "No!" to evil.

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