Our King In Battle
Matthew 4:1-11

1. The King Crowned (3:13-17)
   • John tries continuously to stop Jesus from being baptized.
   • Christ honors baptism.
   • He says, "It is right!" (v. 15)
   • The Holy Spirit’s anointing. (Isaiah 61:1)
   • The Word of God says, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!"

2. New Testament Thoughts on Temptation
   • We are foolish if we think temptation is a light thing. (1 Cor. 10:12-13)
   • We are to pray that we do not fall into temptation. (Matthew 26:41)
   • The King taught us to pray for protection against temptation. (Matthew 6:13)
   • Temptation is not sin but something to be fought. (James 1:12-15)

3. The Time of the Battle (v. 1)
   • Immediately after His baptism.
   • Immediately after receiving affirmation from the Father.
   ★ Strong temptations come when we are feeling secure. (See Paul’s in 2 Corinthians 12:1-10)

4. The Enemy (v. 1)
   • He is the devil! – Satan.
   • He is known as a liar, murderer, roaring lion, and tempter. (John 8:44; 1 Peter 5:8; Matthew 4:3)
   • He is a master of disguise! (1 Corinthians 11:14).
   • He is a master at deceit – in actions and words!
   • If he tempted Jesus, the Son of God, we have every reason to beware of his tempting us! (Luke 6:40)
   • We are commanded to resist the devil. (James 4:7)

5. The Battleground (vv. 1-2)
   • The wilderness.
   • Under conditions of hunger and fatigue.

6. The Battle and It’s Lessons (vv. 3-11)
   ① PROVE YOURSELF! (vv. 3-4)
     • Satan takes advantage of our circumstances.
     • Circumstances are never a reason to give into temptation.
     - Proverbs 30:7-9
     • Satan’s aim is for us to doubt God’s Word.
     • Jesus would wait on the God and not take things into His own hands.
     • Our King uses the Sword of the Spirit. It is written . . . Deut. 8.3.
   ② TEMPT GOD! (vv. 5-7)
     • Satan misquotes and misapplies Scripture. Psalm 91:11.
     • Satan uses the phrase, It is written . . .
     • DO NOT BELIEVE ANY MAN! (Acts 17:11; Eph. 5:6; 2 Thess. 2:3)
     • Our King uses the Sword of the Spirit. It is written . . . Deut. 6:16.
   ③ WORSHIP ME! (vv. 8-10)
     • Our King uses the Sword of the Spirit. It is written . . . Deut. 6:13
     • Worship is the duty of every human being!
     • If Christ thought it was important then every creature is required to do the same!

7. Our Victorious King
   • He came to set us an example to follow. (1 Peter 2:21)
   • He was led by the Spirit into battle. (John 5:19)
   • He gave Satan all the advantages!
   • He suffered temptation – He identified Himself with us.
   • He feels as we feel! (Hebrews 2:18; 4:15)
   • He can deliver!
   • He can save!
   • HE IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP AND OUR OBEDIENCE!