

Text: Matthew 4:1-25  
Topics: Temptation, Ministry, Will of God  
Series: The Promised King

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## The Beginning of Jesus' Ministry

### I. A Private Preparation (1-11)

The temptations of Jesus proved His perfect obedience to the will of God.

### II. A Public Presentation (12-25)

The testimony of Jesus' ministry proved powerfully that He was the Son of God.

How am I responding to the will and Son of God?

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Can you think of a difficult trial or temptation you've gone through that prepared you for something in the future? How did it prepare you?
2. The temptations Jesus faced illustrate the kinds of temptations we face. Of the three He faced in Matthew 4:2-10, which represents the greatest type of temptation for you? Why?
3. What does it mean for Jesus to sympathize with us in our temptations? (Hebrews 4:15) How does knowing that help us?
4. Jesus responded to each temptation with, "It is written." (Matt. 4:4, 7, 10) What are the challenges for us to resist temptations in this way?  
  
What can you do, beginning today, to be better equipped to respond to temptation like Jesus did?
5. The will of God calls for our surrender to Christ and His commands. What were His commands, and His model for ministry, in Matthew 4:17, 19, 23?  
  
In Colossians 1:9-14 Paul urged his readers to understand the will of God. What are some things he said about the will of God?  
  
What is your most important "will of God" issue right now? How will you, with Christ's help, address it?
6. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?