

“IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD”

(1st Sermon in the Series: “IF”)

Matthew 4:3 - *“And the tempter came and said to Him, ‘If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.’ ”*

I. Satan Admitted the Truth About Jesus

“If (since) You are the Son of God” (v.3a)

- A. Jesus created everything – John 1:1-3, 10; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:1-2, 10
- B. Satan, with unmitigated audacity, attempts to triumph over the very Christ who created him! - *“Command that these stones become bread”* (v. 3b)

II. Christ Announced the Truth About Satan

- A. How Lucifer became Satan
Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:11-19
- B. How Christ described Satan
John 10:10 - *“The thief comes only to **steal** and **kill** and **destroy**; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”*

Jesus called Satan a **devil** (John 8:44a); a **murderer** (John 8:44b); a **liar** (John 8:44c) the **ruler of demons** (Mark 3:22); and the **ruler of this world** (John 12:31)

III. The Truth About Overcoming Satan is Assured

- A. Christ overcame Satan’s temptations (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10-11)
- B. You can overcome Satan’s temptations
 1. Be filled and led by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 4:1; Luke 4:1)
 2. Rely on the Word of God (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10)
 3. Be committed to doing the Will of God (James 4:7-8; 1 Peter 5:6-9)

Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?

Acts 8:37 - [*“And Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’ ”*] (cf. Acts 8:25-39)