

### **Temptation of Jesus Journal Entry 10-7-19 @ 7:01 AM**

I found myself reading about the temptation of Jesus by the devil in the wilderness this morning. I read the account in Matthew 4:1-10 and also Mark 1:12-13 but when I came to it in Luke 4:1-13, I found something different! When Jesus was tempted for forty days and forty nights, He became hungry, very hungry. He was tempted by the devil. His temptation was much greater than ours! While we would be hungry, we would still not have the ability to turn stone into bread unless God allowed us to!

Jesus, on the other hand, in His great hunger, had the power to turn stone into bread at any given moment! Knowing you could do this, but still resisting, showed great strength on His part. For He could have also commanded the angels or even the animals, to bring Him food at any given time! He had to be greatly tempted because most people, when and if they are hungry enough, will do whatever it takes to feed that need in their bodies to survive!

The thing that God brought to my attention also is that in Mark 1 verse 13, he wrote that during the temptation of Jesus, that when he (the devil) ended all the temptation, he departed from Him (Jesus) for a season, meaning Jesus was still being tempted at times by the devil the whole time while upon the earth. Most people that I have heard discuss this have said that after Jesus passed this test, that the devil didn't bother him anymore! Wrong! The devil only departed for a season, so if you are professing to be a Christian, yet the adversary approaches you very little, then you'd better check yourself because if he persecuted Jesus while He was here on this earth, then you too shall suffer the same!"