

The Servant's Temptation and Mission

Mark 1: 12-15

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Verse 12 - 13

The humiliation of the Servant

Jesus' temptation came immediately after His baptism

We can learn much from this:

All out believers are a threat to the devil and his followers; get ready for demonic blow back

The world, the flesh and the devil hate Jesus and His followers [John 15: 18](#)

Genuine faith is a tested faith!

Your wilderness testing is your lifetime on earth!

Jesus' first temptation = *Lust of the flesh*

“If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread” – Matthew 4: 3

Tempting Jesus to use His deity, to act outside God's divine plan

Jesus combats Satan – *“It is written”*

Jesus' second temptation = *Pride of life* – Matthew 4: 5-7

Christ is tempted to attract attention by doing something spectacular

Jesus combats Satan – *“It is written”*

Jesus' third temptation = *Lust of the eye* – Matthew 4: 8-9

Satan wants Jesus to compromise His mission, to have the world without the cross

Jesus combats Satan – *“It is written”*

How are we to combat Satan?

“It is written”

Use the Sword of the Spirit – the Word of God - Ephesians 6: 17

Verse 14 - 15

The Servant's mission

John was imprisoned because he confronted Herod Antipas for divorcing his wife and taking his brother's wife

While in prison, John had a season of doubt:

Are you indeed the Messiah?

Jesus' response is crystal clear:

The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have the Gospel preached to them – Matthew 11: 5

I AM MESSIAH; I AM THE ANOINTED ONE!

The Gospel of the kingdom of God was offered to whom?

ISRAEL!

"The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand"

What time is fulfilled?

The 70-weeks prophecy given in Daniel 9: 24

The term “70 weeks” is prophetic shorthand for 70 periods of 7 years, totaling 490 years

To help us discern what a week is, Leviticus 25: 8 describes a “*seven weeks of years*” as 49 years

70-week years, 490 years, was a timeline for the fulfillment of God’s plan for the Jewish people and Jerusalem

What was the result of Israel’s rejection of Messiah?

The kingdom was postponed, not done away with!

There will be a 1000-year millennial kingdom of Messiah with all Jewish people in their homeland

Closing Thoughts:

Jesus' first coming was initially a focused offer of salvation to the people of Israel

God always intended the world, Jew and Gentile, to be reconciled to God through the death of Messiah – John 3: 16

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

3 reasons for the Millenium:

- 1) Realize the covenants**
- 2) Reward the faithful**
- 3) Renew the earth**

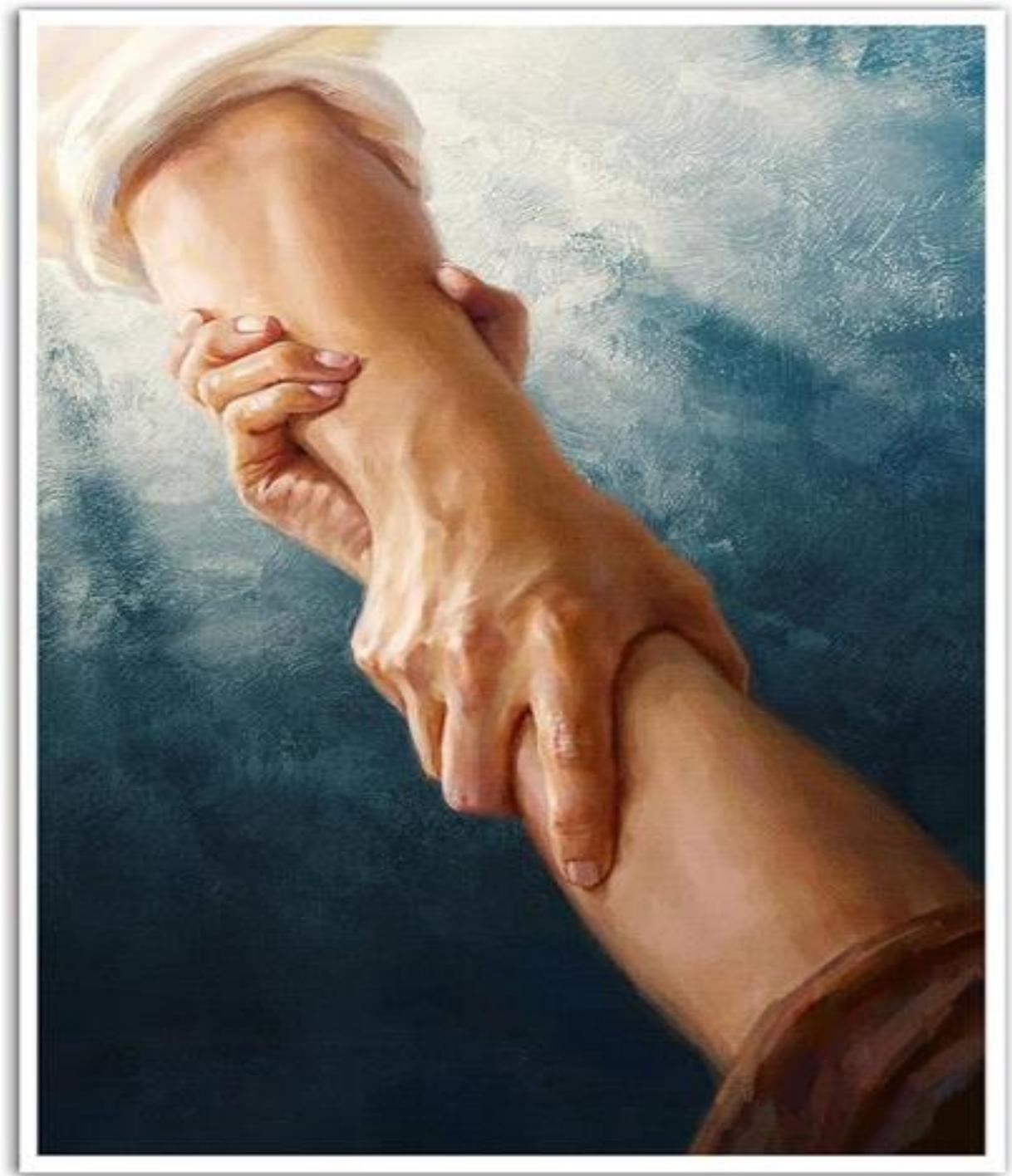
There is a physical kingdom coming in the near future; we pray for this Kingdom to come – [Matthew 6: 10](#)

You can be part of this Kingdom now – Jesus can rule inside of you NOW!

Jesus' Kingdom is right here, at hand

Jesus is reaching out His hand to you!

Simply reach out your hand to Him



*The SERVANT came to
SEEK and SAVE
the LOST*

