

*Mat 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (2) After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. (3) The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." (4) Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

## The Lust of the flesh

1Jn 2:16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.

## The pride of life

*Mat 4:5-7 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. (6) "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" (7) Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"*

## The lust of the eyes

*Mat 4:8-11 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. (9) "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." (10) Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" (11) Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.*



This picture shows the temple as imagined in 1966 in the Holyland Model of Jerusalem.



Roman triumphal procession with spoils from the Temple, depicted on the inside wall of the Arch of Titus in Rome (constructed in 82AD)



Remnants of the 1st century Stairs of Ascent, discovered by archaeologist Benjamin Mazar, to the entrance of the Temple Courtyard. Pilgrims coming to make sacrifices at the Temple would have entered and exited by this stairway.



Behind them, as they entered the Court of the Gentiles from the south through the Huldah Gates, was the Royal Porch, which contained a marketplace, administrative quarters, and a synagogue



*Mat 4:13 Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali;*

Capernaum had 1500-5000 at the time of Christ.



*Mat 4:17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."*

Jesus did not go to the Gentiles, but taught the Jews to repent of their sins, especially religious sin.

Mat 15:23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." (24) He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."



Capernaum's 4th-century synagogue. Archaeological excavations have revealed two ancient synagogues built one over the other. According to the Mt, Mk and Lk, Jesus selected this town as the center of his public ministry in Galilee after he left the small mountainous hamlet of Nazareth

*Mat 4:18 Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. (19) And He \*said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." (20) Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. (21) Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them. (22) Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. (23) Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.*



Left - Southern tip of the lake, seen from Mount Poriya

Right – taken from the Duga beach, Kinneret



Talapia – “St Peter’s fish” as served in a restaurant in Tiberias. In 2005, 270 tons of tilapia were caught.



The Yardenit Baptismal Site near Bet Yerah at the southwestern tip of the Sea of Galilee, near the exit of the Jordan river from the Sea.



Rt - Jesus appears on the shore of Lake Tiberias by  
James Tissot

Left - an ancient fishing boat from the 1st century AD,  
discovered in 1986 on the north-west shore of the Sea  
of Galilee. The remains of the boat, 27 feet long, 7.5  
feet wide and with a maximum preserved height of 4.3  
feet



*Mat 4:23-25 Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. (24) The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them. (25) Large crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.*

Jesus' ability to heal disease and sickness is miraculous. The equivalent of this ability was not seen in the Western world until in 1796 when Jenner was able to prevent smallpox. The Chinese had practiced vaccination by blowing powdered smallpox scabs up the noses of the healthy as reported in 1549.