



## Jesus: Tempted in the Desert

*The temptation of Jesus was his first direct engagement with the devil. As God's chosen kingly representative, Jesus sought to establish a "bridgehead" from which he could extend the frontiers of the Kingdom of God. To do this, Jesus would have to defeat his enemy on his own ground. If Jesus won there, then he would have a foothold, and he would be able to push out into all of the territory occupied by the kingdom of darkness. For this, however, he needed all the power of heaven, and he found it in heaven.*

Jesus' encounter with the Devil: God's \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Kingdom)

- ◇ Who is \_\_\_\_\_?
- ◇ By whose \_\_\_\_\_ does he reign?

The Devil's tactics: An attack on our \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Covenant)

Temptations: A call to \_\_\_\_\_ the **Covenant** and  
\_\_\_\_\_ the **Kingdom**

**Blanks:** planned showdown; king; authority; identity; break, abandon

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