

# Christ at the Crossroad of Temptation

(Matthew 4:1-11)

**Introduction:** Remember Robert Frost's proverbial fork in the road? More than a pleasant rhyme about a walk in the woods, "The Road Not Taken" is a beautiful metaphor about crossroads, critical junctures that necessitate life-changing decisions. How do we make wise decisions at such crucial times?

## I. Life Has Inevitable Crossroads

- A) Paul came to a crucial fork in his life (Acts 9).
  1. Paul chose the road less traveled.
  2. Years later Paul explained how he had since learned to handle life's crossroads in any circumstance (Phil. 4:11-13).
- B) Whatever the crossroad, Paul found \_\_\_\_\_ was always there.
- C) We need to learn to make Paul's words - "I can do all things through Christ" - \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. Jesus' Encounter with the Tempter (Matt. 4)

- A) The Setting (vs. 1-2).
- B) The Temptations.
  1. First test: of a \_\_\_\_\_ nature (vs. 3-4).
  2. Second test: of a \_\_\_\_\_ nature (vs. 5-7).
  3. Third test: of a \_\_\_\_\_ nature (vs. 8-10).
  4. The outcome (v. 11).

## III. When Temptation Crosses Our Path

- A) First: Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ ... \_\_\_\_\_ it!
- B) Second: Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ ... \_\_\_\_\_ it!
- C) Third: Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ ... \_\_\_\_\_ it!

**Conclusion:** Are you facing a particular crossroad of temptation right now? Do you feel too weak to resist? Remember this: Christ knows what it's like to be hit with the full blunt of the enemy's attack. He survived Satan's hardest tests, and He can strengthen you to do the same (Heb. 4:14-16).

*My Notes:*

