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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Testing:

**Demonstrating the Character
of the Messianic Servant**

Matt. 4:1–10

hypostatic union [Greek *hupostasis* substantial nature, essence, actual being, reality.] The *hypostatic union* describes the union of two natures, divine and human, in the one person of Jesus Christ. These natures are inseparably united without loss or mixture of separate identity, without loss or transfer of properties or attributes, the union being personal and eternal. Jesus is undiminished deity and true humanity in one person forever.

kenosis [Greek, *kenoo*, “to empty or make void”] During the incarnation Jesus Christ willingly restricted the use of His divine attributes so as not to use them to solve problems related to His humanity; He only used His divine attributes to demonstrate the truth of His claims to deity in accordance with the Father’s plan. In this manner, He demonstrated the sufficiency of the Spirit of God, the Word of God, and the Plan of God.

Heb. 4:15, “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

Psa. 119:11, “Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”

Eph. 6:17, “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;”

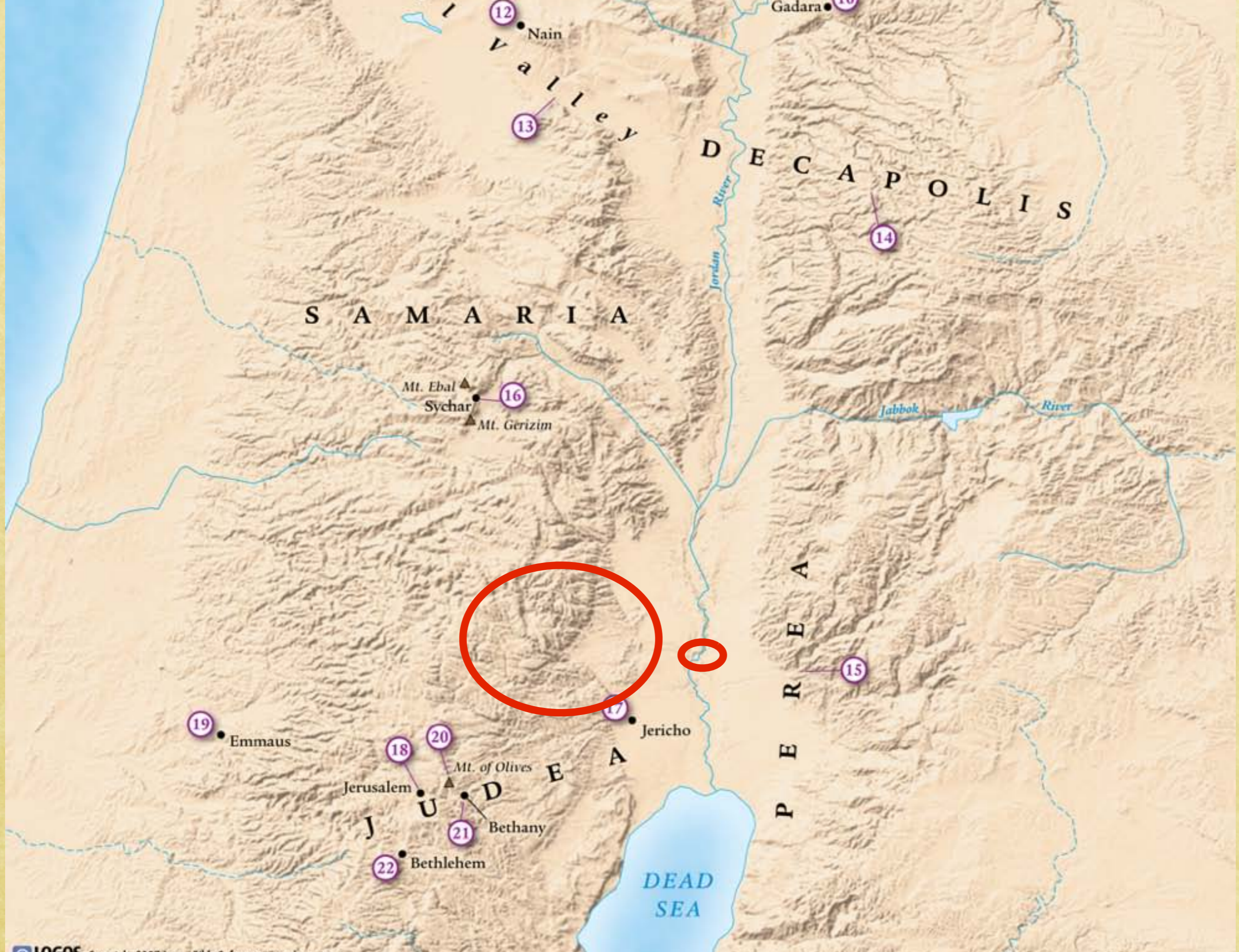


ῥῆμα *rhēma*

nom neut sing

**spoken word rather than the
written word**

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Jericho, Jordan Rift with Mount Hermon aerial from south



Docus



Monastery of Temptation

Tell es-Sultan



Tell es-Samarat



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ἀνάγω *anagō*

**aor pass indic 3 sing
to take up, to raise,
offer up, bring, to lead
or convey from one
location to another**

**ὑπό *hupo* indicates
the performer of
action in a passive
verb construction**

Mark 1:12, “Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness.

Mark 1:13, “And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him.”

ἐκβάλλω *ekballō*

pres act indic 3 sing

**“to cast out; send away,
drove, impell”**

Luke 4:1, “Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

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πλήρης *plērēs*
adj nom masc sing
full (not a verb)
Holy Spirit is genitive
“full of the HS”

ἐν τῷ πνεύματι
en to pneumati
“by means of the
Spirit”

Acts 13:10, “and said, ‘You who are full of all deceit and fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to make crooked the straight ways of the Lord?’ ”

Acts 6:5, “The statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch.”

Acts 6:8, “And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people.”

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πειράζω *peirazo*

pres pass part masc sing nom

to tempt, test; try

1. To test the genuineness or sincerity of something or someone; Acts 5:9;

1 Cor. 10:9

2. To entice someone to evil; 1 Cor. 7:5; Gal. 6:1

Matt. 4:2, “And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.”

Psa. 35:13, “But as for me, when they were sick, My clothing was sackcloth; I humbled myself with fasting; And my prayer would return to my own heart.”

Matt. 4:3, “Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, ‘If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.’ ”

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Deut. 8:3, “So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.”

2 Cor. 12:9, “And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Cor. 12:10, “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Matt. 4:5, “Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,

Matt. 4:6, “and said to Him, ‘If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: “*He shall give His angels charge over you,*” and, “*In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.*” ’ ”

**John 6:30, “Therefore they said to Him,
‘What sign will You perform then, that we
may see it and believe You? What work
will You do?’ ”**

Psa. 91:9, “Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place,

Psa. 91:10, “No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

Psa. 91:11, “For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

Psa. 91:12, “In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Psa. 91:13, “You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.”

“... and this cloister deserves to be mentioned better than any other under the sun; for while the valley was very deep, and its bottom could not be seen, if you looked from above into the depth, this further vastly high elevation of the cloister stood upon that height, insomuch, that if anyone looked down from the top of the battlements, or down both those heights, he would be giddy, while his sight could not reach to such an immense depth.” (Josephus, *Ant.* 15:412)



Matt. 4:7, “Jesus said to him, ‘It is written again, “*You shall not tempt the LORD your God.*” ’ ”

Deut. 6:16, “You shall not tempt the LORD your God as you tempted Him in Massah.”

Matt. 4:8, “Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

Matt. 4:9, “And he said to Him, ‘All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.’ ”

**Matt. 4:10, “Then Jesus said to him,
‘Away with you, Satan! For it is written,
“*You shall worship the LORD your God,
and Him only you shall serve.*” ’ ”**

**Deut. 6:13, “You shall fear the LORD your
God and serve Him, and shall take oaths
in His name.”**