

# Rumble in the Jungle!!

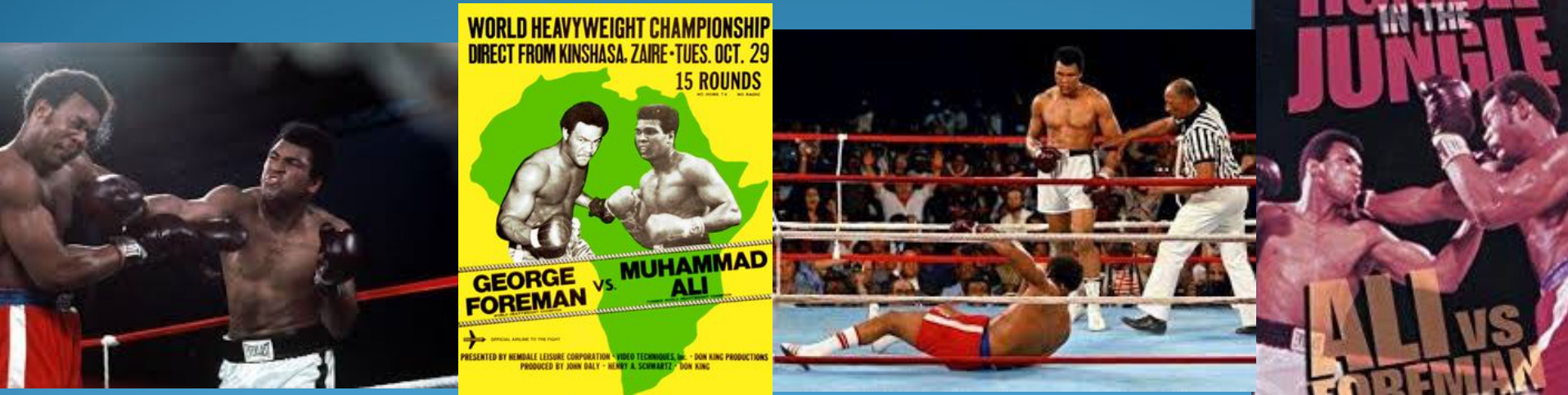
Matthew 4:1-11

Part 1

# The Rumble in the Jungle!

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# THERE IS A RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE!



## For Our Lives!

(Matthew 4:1-11)

# Jesus At This Time Was Doing His Father's Will

- He had just been baptized by His cousin, John the Baptist, Matthew 3:16
- At that moment, the Bible says, “the heavens were opened unto Him” and He saw the “Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him”
- God at that time said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

# But Just After That Experience the Bible Says:

*Jesus was, “led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to  
be tempted of the devil.”*

## Question:

1. Who took Jesus into the wilderness?

**Hint: It wasn't the Devil**

2. The Bible says that He was  
led by the Spirit!





In the days of Jesus, it was a Dessert, a desolate, a difficult environment, a wasteland (kind of a solitary place , away from the hustle and bustle of life) definitely a difficult place to live!



# *Do You Believe That The Holy Spirit Will Bring Christians into Wilderness Experiences?*

1. Situations of desertion
2. Difficult Experiences
3. Desolation



**I Believe That The Holy Spirit Will Carry Us Into Seasons Of Trying Times And Circumstances, James 1:3-4**





**Remember That Satan Will Test You Whether Your  
Belly Is “*Full or Empty!*”**

**Adam**

**In the Garden of Eden  
Could Eat of 99% of *trees*  
on the property where  
he lived  
Failed the test with a  
Full Belly**

**Christ**

**In the Wilderness  
Fasting 40 days  
and nights  
Passed the test  
on an Empty  
Belly**



***“If you are the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.”***

**What is the Test here?**

**It's more than just eating bread.**

**Satan doesn't question Jesus' ability, but His motive.**



# Satan Tests a “Hungry Jesus” With His Own “Scriptural Interpretation!” Psalms 82:6-7

*“I have said, Ye are gods;  
And all of you are children of the most high.  
But ye shall die like men,  
And fall like one of the princes.” Psalms 82:6-7*

- Remember that Jesus, being a human, could die like a man as proven on Calvary’s cross
- So Satan argues what harm would there be in exerting your privileged status as Son of God by performing a miracle on yourself, especially if ***not*** doing so could mean your own death
- Satan was trying to get Jesus to reject God’s will and choose another path (that’s what he does to us too!)

# Science

- For obvious moral reasons, there are not a lot of studies on how long a human being can fast
- Research suggest that 40 days is possible, and even up to 60 days, provided that the person is well hydrated (Maze Prison in Ireland, 1980-81; Dr. Michael Peel, British Medical Journal, 1997)
- When you stop eating, the body begins to use up what you have already stored (fats, carbohydrates, and proteins)

# He Makes a Short Cut Look Very Good!

- *“It’s okay to cheat on your taxes, besides people do it all the time and you really need the money!”*
- *“It’s okay to sleep with a potential marriage candidate of yours, though not married. Besides, how are you going to compete with the other folks if you don’t give it up! Your time is running out!”*
- *“It’s okay to curse a little, to let folks know when you mean business, and to get off of your case!”*

**The Point:**

**Satan wants us to sin by lusting after our own physical lives as being more important than obeying God!**

# The Other Idea Behind Satan's Suggestion Was To Get Jesus To Doubt If God Cared About Him!

*“Since you are God’s Son, Why doesn’t He feed you?”*

*“If you belong to Him, why did He lead you into this wilderness to die?”*



*“Here you are doing your Father’s will and you get treated like this!” (Same argument to Job and us)*

The Question That We Have To  
Face Like Jesus Is This One:

***Can We Not Trust God To Meet  
Our Physical Needs While We  
Obey Him?***

***“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet  
not one of them will fall to the ground  
outside of your Father’s care? And even the  
very hairs on your head are all numbered.  
So don’t be afraid ; ye are worth more than  
many sparrows.” Matt. 10:29-31***

# Jesus Trusted God!

- Jesus obeyed His Father, and trusted His Father to take care of Him, even when He was physically weak, Matthew 4:11, ***“Then the devil left Him, and the angels came and attended (ministered to)him.”***  
***(Have you ever received blessings in your life from angels you never knew existed?)***
- He trusted in His Father by continuing to fast as long as it was His will and rejected Satan’s suggested path  
***“If I take care of God’s spiritual needs in my life, he will take care of me.”(Phil 4:19)***



# The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

*Acts 15:7*

Believe the Gospel

*Acts 15:7*

Repent of Sins

*Acts 17:30*

Confess Christ

*Acts 8:37*

Be Baptized

*Acts 8:38*