

The Gospel of Matthew #21

**TEMPTATION #2: SPECTACULARLY SPIRITUAL
Matthew 4:5-7**

Matthew's order is historical

“So you want to be spiritual and quote the Bible? Okay, how about
Psm 91?”

I. Nature of the temptation

Temptation 1 was to not trust God;

Temptation 2 is to impress people with how *much* you trust God;
or to need to see Him do dramatic things to sustain your faith

#1: _____ (Abraham & Hagar) to Presbyterians

#2: _____ - _____ (Psm 91:11-12) to Charismatics

II. Nature of Jesus' answer

Jesus sees thru what sounds very spiritual and full of faith; He sees it is
really *lack* of faith; a need to prove God

Qts Deut 6:16: where God was testing Israel and instead they put *Him* to
the test at Massah (Exod 17:1-7)

Result: Moses struck *God* at the rock

Jesus resists testing God and requiring angels to rescue Him.

Result: they come to rescue Him in His faith (v11)

III. How are we similarly tempted?

- Churches and Christians that depend on the latest miracle and sign to believe that God is still true, powerful, faithful

- Capstone Campaign: borrow whatever it takes to build our dream facility *now*

- God, if You are really there and You care for me, you will do this for me in my situation to rescue me: