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CHURCH BACK



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A Date with the Devil**



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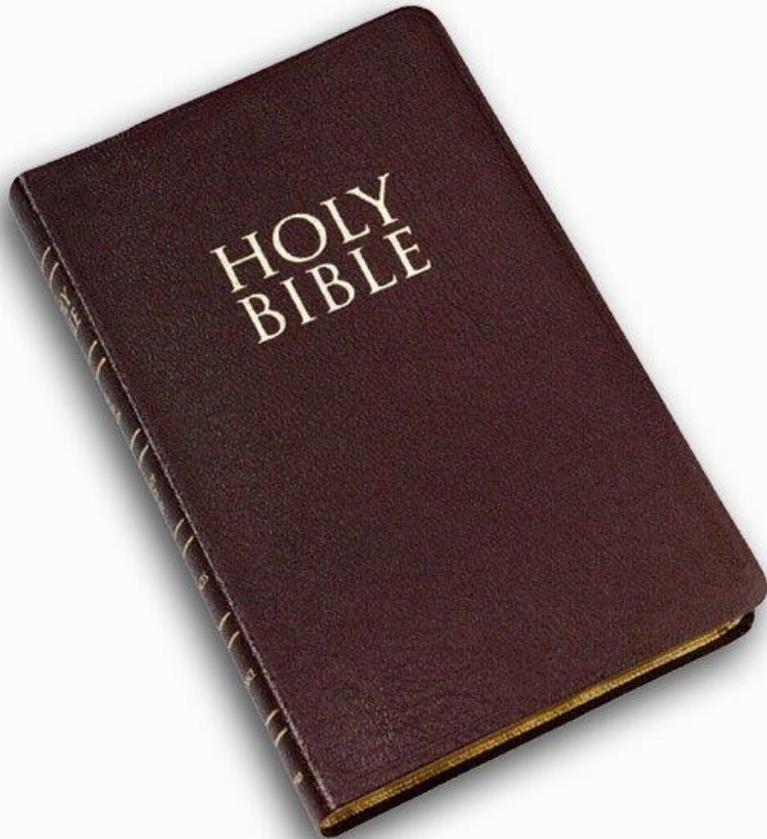
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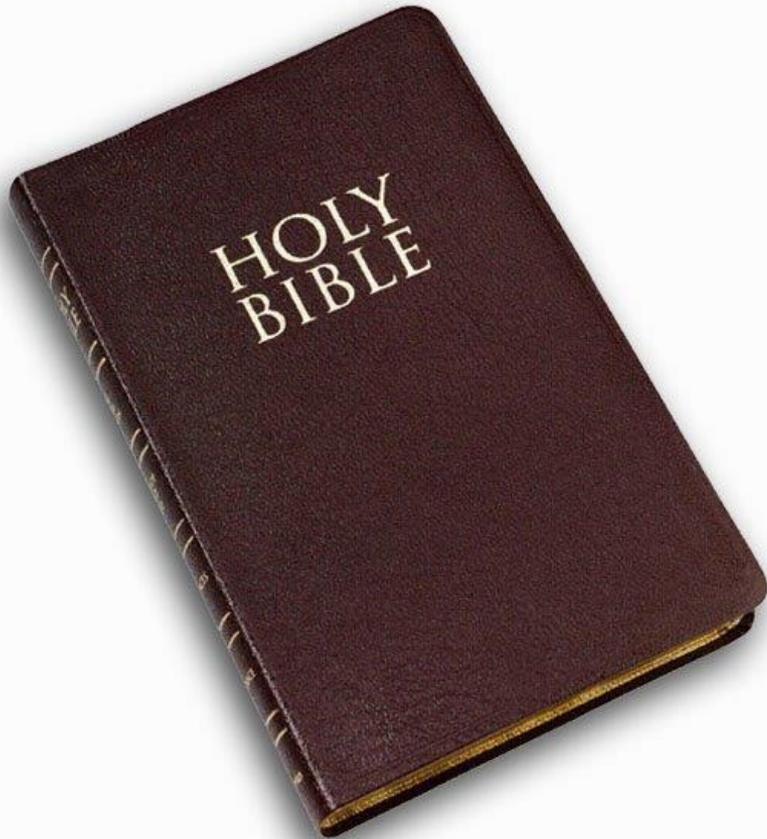
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SIN

**WILL TAKE YOU FARTHER
THAN YOU WANT TO GO,
KEEP YOU LONGER
THAN YOU WANT TO STAY,
AND COST YOU MORE
THAN YOU WANT TO PAY.**

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1. One Big Fight

- Jesus vs. Satan

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“Because the Holy Spirit initiated the temptations, they should be understood not as a defensive struggle but as an offensive attack on the rule of Satan. The kingdom of God had come, and the ruler of this evil age was now challenged.”(Robert Stein)

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2. Two Big Questions

- Can Jesus truly be human?**

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Hebrews 4:15-16

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

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- Can Jesus truly be human?**
- What type of Messiah will Jesus be?**

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3. Three Clever Temptations

- LUST OF THE FLESH: Turn stone into bread
- Would Jesus avoid suffering?

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3. Three Clever Temptations

- **PRIDE OF LIFE: Throw yourself off the Temple**
- **Would Jesus be sensational?**

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**“The very faith which is dependent on signs and wonder is not faith. If faith cannot believe without sensations it is not really faith, it is doubt looking for proof and looking in the wrong place.”
(William Barclay)**

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3. Three Clever Temptations

- **LUST OF THE EYES: Bow down and worship me**
- **Would Jesus take a shortcut?**

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4. Four Scriptures

- Deuteronomy 8:3
- Psalm 91:11-12
- Deuteronomy 6:16
- Deuteronomy 6:13

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“Jesus was able to resist every temptation, not because He was divine, but because He was prepared.” (Richard Exley)

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5. Five Spiritual Powers

- Satan
- Jesus
- Holy Spirit
- Word of God
- Angels

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TEMPTATION

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