

Recognizing the Lies of Satan

Matt. 4:1-11, Christ is Coming! Series

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Comparing the first temptation (Adam and Eve) to the testing of Jesus.

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- a. Temptation [to sin] vs. testing

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(Jas. 4:14-16)

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