

WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT THE DEVIL

A Complete Biblical Teaching for the Church and the Marketplace

INTRODUCTION

Many Christians build their understanding of the devil from tradition, movies, or culture—not from the words of Jesus Himself. But Jesus gives the clearest, most authoritative revelation of:

- **Who the devil is**
- **What he does**
- **How he attacks**
- **How we overcome him**

This teaching draws directly from **Jesus' own words** in the Gospels.

1 THE DEVIL IS A REAL, PERSONAL, SUPERNATURAL BEING

Jesus never treats the devil as a myth, symbol, or metaphor.

He speaks to Satan directly in the wilderness (Matt 4).

He identifies Satan as an enemy working behind the scenes (Luke 10:18).

He warns His disciples about Satan's activity (Luke 22:31).

Key Point:

If Jesus took the devil seriously, so must we.

2 THE DEVIL'S NATURE: LIAR, MURDERER, DESTROYER

In **John 8:44**, Jesus gives the most direct definition of the devil:

“He was a **murderer** from the beginning...

He is a **liar** and the **father of lies**.”

Three characteristics:

A. Murderer

Satan's goal is always destruction—spiritual and physical.

B. No truth in him

He cannot speak truth without twisting it.

C. Father of lies

Every deception originates from him.

Jesus reveals that **spiritual warfare is primarily a battle with lies**, not with images, feelings, or shadows.

3 THE DEVIL IS THE TEMPORARY RULER OF THIS WORLD

Jesus says three times that Satan is:

“the **ruler of this world**”

(John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)

This means:

- Satan influences cultures, ideologies, governments, media, and systems
- His power is **real** but **limited**
- His defeat is **guaranteed**

Jesus' Kingdom mission is a direct invasion into Satan's domain.

4 THE DEVIL TEMPTS THROUGH IDENTITY, DESIRE, AND DISTORTED SCRIPTURE

Jesus' wilderness encounter (Matt 4, Luke 4) shows Satan's strategy.

A. Identity Attack: “If you are the Son of God”

Satan always questions identity:

- “Are you really forgiven?”
- “Are you really called?”
- “Are you really God's son/daughter?”

B. Desire Attack: “Turn these stones to bread”

He tempts through legitimate needs (hunger, loneliness, ambition) but offers sinful solutions.

C. Scripture Attack: Satan quotes Psalms

He uses half-truths and twisted verses.

5 THE DEVIL IS BEHIND SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL OPPRESSION

Jesus describes a woman in Luke 13:16:

“whom **Satan has bound** for eighteen years.”

Jesus attributes:

- some sickness
- some bondage
- some oppression
directly to Satanic activity.

But He also shows the Kingdom breaks chains immediately.

6 THE DEVIL STEALS THE WORD OF GOD

In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus says:

“The evil one comes and **snatches away** what was sown.”

— Matt 13:19

Satan’s #1 strategy is to stop the Word from taking root.

He wants:

- distracted minds
- hardened hearts
- shallow faith

Whoever controls your attention controls your destiny.

7 THE DEVIL SOWS COUNTERFEIT BELIEVERS AND FALSE TEACHINGS

In the Parable of the Weeds:

“The enemy who sowed them is **the devil**.”

— Matt 13:39

Jesus reveals:

- Satan plants **false teaching**
- Satan plants **false believers**
- Satan plants **sabotage** inside the church

He infiltrates, not just attacks.

8 THE DEVIL HUNTS BELIEVERS TO SHAKE THEIR FAITH

Jesus tells Peter:

“Satan demanded to **sift you like wheat**.”

— Luke 22:31

“Sift” means:

- to shake violently
- to test
- to separate
- to break

Satan wants to crush leaders first.

But Jesus adds:

“I **prayed** for you...”

Jesus’ intercession is stronger than Satan’s attack.

9 THE DEVIL TRIES TO RETURN AFTER DELIVERANCE

Jesus warns:

“The unclean spirit... says, ‘I will return to my house.’”

(Matt 12:43–45)

Deliverance is not the end.

It must be followed by:

- discipleship
- spiritual discipline
- filling with the Holy Spirit
- renewal of the mind

Empty spaces attract spiritual darkness. Filled spaces attract the Spirit.

10 JESUS' MISSION IS TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL

Jesus declares war against Satan through:

A. Casting out demons

“By the Spirit of God I cast out demons...”

— Matt 12:28

This proves the Kingdom is invading Satan’s kingdom.

B. Healing the oppressed

“...whom Satan has bound.”

— Luke 13:16

C. Preaching the Kingdom

The truth breaks deception.

D. The Cross

Jesus’ death disarmed Satan’s authority:

“Now the ruler of this world will be **cast out.**”

— John 12:31

E. Giving authority to believers

“I give you **authority** over all the power of the enemy.”

— Luke 10:19

Jesus empowers His disciples with:

- authority
 - protection
 - discernment
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1 1 THE FINAL DEFEAT OF THE DEVIL IS GUARANTEED

Jesus says:

“I saw Satan **fall like lightning.**”

— Luke 10:18

This refers to:

- Satan’s original fall
- His present defeat through Jesus
- His final judgment at the end

The devil is:

- defeated theologically
- defeated legally
- defeated spiritually
- not yet defeated eschatologically

Jesus assures the Church: **Victory is certain.**

☀ CONCLUSION: JESUS REVEALED THE DEVIL SO WE CAN OVERCOME HIM

Jesus wants believers to:

- recognize the devil’s tactics
- stand in truth
- live with spiritual authority
- walk in the power of the Spirit
- resist deception

- advance the Kingdom

His teaching is not meant to make us fear the devil—
but to **fearlessly conquer him** through the power of Christ.