

Scripture Points to Jesus

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Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)

Psalm 2 is prophetic and messianic. It points ultimately to the coronation of David's greatest son, Jesus Christ, whom the psalmist calls the LORD's "anointed" and "king" (vv. 2, 6). Moreover, the LORD has promised to give him at his coronation "the nations" of this earth as an "inheritance," and "possession" (v. 8).

Gospel writer Luke reveals (4:1-8) that "the devil" ignored this historic truth. He claimed that "all authority" over the world's kingdoms had been given to *him* (the devil). Therefore, *he* could give these kingdoms to anyone he wished. "So, Jesus, here's your big chance! Worship *me*! All these kingdoms will be yours!"

The issue, however, was not about ownership of the world's kingdoms. That is eternally decided! Rather, it is about relationship to the Creator: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only," Jesus quoted from Scripture (v. 8; see Deut. 6:13).

Prayer: Father, help me to discern when the devil is tempting me with a lie to believe his offer is better than yours. *Amen.*