

Wednesday, October 05, 2011  
Stories and Teachings of Jesus  
Matthew 25:21  
Communion

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’  
Matthew 25:21, NIV

### **Sin breaks Communion**

<sup>1-2</sup>Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wild. For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by the Devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when the time was up he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup>The Devil, playing on his hunger, gave the first test: "Since you're God's Son, command this stone to turn into a loaf of bread."

<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered by quoting Deuteronomy: "It takes more than bread to really live."

<sup>5-7</sup>For the second test he led him up and spread out all the kingdoms of the earth on display at once. Then the Devil said, "They're yours in all their splendor to serve your pleasure. I'm in charge of them all and can turn them over to whomever I wish. Worship me and they're yours, the whole works."

<sup>8</sup>Jesus refused, again backing his refusal with Deuteronomy: "Worship the Lord your God and only the Lord your God. Serve him with absolute single-heartedness."

<sup>9-11</sup>For the third test the Devil took him to Jerusalem and put him on top of the Temple. He said, "If you are God's Son, jump. It's written, isn't it, that 'he has placed you in the care of angels to protect you; they will catch you; you won't so much as stub your toe on a stone'?"

<sup>12</sup>"Yes," said Jesus, "and it's also written, 'Don't you dare tempt the Lord your God.'"

<sup>13</sup>That completed the testing. The Devil retreated temporarily, lying in wait for another opportunity. Luke 4:1-13, MSG

For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup> The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. 1 John 2:16-17, NIV

But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

<sup>8</sup> If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. <sup>9</sup> But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

<sup>1</sup> My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly

righteous. <sup>2</sup> He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world. 1 John 1:7-2:2, NLT

**Confession restores Communion:**

- *Believe that God is Love*
- *Embrace the Truth*
- *Confess the sin*
- *Repent of the sin*
- *Go! Go humbly with Jesus*