

Resistance is....  
Matthew 4:1-11  
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Oscar Wilde; "I can resist everything but temptation."

The Borg (Star Trek); Resistance is futile!

1. Christians should expect to be tempted and not surprised by it.

- It's a part of God's plan and necessary.

2. Whatever "object" is used to tempt us may seem insignificant but if we "cave in" the results are devastating.

What's the big thing about the bread?

The temptation is for Jesus to use His divine power to meet His own Physical needs.

Asking Jesus to throw Himself from the Temple seems really silly!

Warning: Satan can use Scripture for his own destructive purposes.

Here Satan is questioning how complete Jesus trust in His Heavenly Father really is.

Worship me and it's all Yours!

This is a lot more subtle than it appears. The temptation here is to "have it all" without going the way of the cross.

Satan is the Prince of liars - they weren't his to give away.  
These "kingdoms" were divided, warring, and filled with conflict;  
This is not what Jesus was promised!

Some Applications:

Expect to be attacked but also be prepared for them.

Expect the attacks to come in areas where we are the most vulnerable.

- What is the most important in life? (Bread)
- Do you really trust God? (Obedience to God)
- Will you do it God's way or take a "shortcut"? (The easy way)

Resistance is not only possible, victory is assured!