

Divine Methods of Testing Believers

- I. By giving believers an opportunity to make a _____.
- Adam and Eve
 - The Lord Jesus Christ **Matt 4:1-10**
- II. By _____ believers to be tempted
- James 1:2-3** Trials/temptation are _____.
 - James 1:12** Trials/temptation can be resisted and _____.
 - James 1:13-15** God is not the **author** of temptation, although He does allow them.
 - 1 Cor 10:13**-Trials/temptation is common in the life of every believer, and so is the opportunity to _____ the temptation.
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- III. By proposing _____ tasks for believers to accomplish **John 6:5-13**
- The hard task-feeding this great crowd of people **Vs 5**
 - The _____ of the hard task-to test Phillip **Vs 6**
 - Jesus already had a _____ to the challenge.
 - Jesus wanted Phillip to see his need of Someone _____ than himself.
 - Natural human _____ to hard tasks **Vs 7-9**
 - Too often our first reaction to difficulty or testing is to try to solve it by our _____ methods.
 - Unfortunately, often we do not turn to the Lord until we have _____ our ideas.
 - The difficult task made _____ by God **Vs 10-13**
- IV. By leading believers down difficult _____ **Matt 14:22-34**
- Christ's command **Vs 22**
 - Christ instructed his disciples to get in the ship and go to the _____ side of the lake.
 - Christ _____ on shore.
 - The _____ way **Vs 24**
 - Obedying Christ brought them face to face with _____.
 - ~~Tossed~~-the ship is at the _____ of the sea, and the disciples can do nothing about it.
 - God is _____ present **Vs 25**
 - Fourth watch*-“The Jews at this time divided the night into four watches; the first was from six o'clock in the evening till nine, the second from nine to twelve, the third from twelve till three, and the fourth from three till six; so that it probably began to be daylight before our Lord came to his disciples.” **Treasury of Scripture Knowledge**
 - The disciples being out in the middle of the sea was no _____ for God to get to them
 - The difficult way made _____ **Vs 32**
 - The wind boisterous*-a strong, mighty, and powerful _____ wind
 - Even though threatened by the sea, the ship and the disciples had _____ sunk.
 - As soon as the Lord got into the ship with the disciples, the threat _____.