

## JESUS IS TEMPTED

### Luke 4: 1-13

#### Thoughts on Luke 4:1-13

- For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in all things as we are yet without sin (**Hebrew 4:15**).
- Through Jesus's temptation we see that He overcame each temptation by the word of God. Jesus showed His obedience to His Father and that He is the worthy one to undo the consequences of Adam's sin and bring blessings to all people.
- We can be empowered to trust God no matter what trials or temptations we face. Sometimes God uses trials/temptations to test us and grow us. God will not waste a trial or temptation. He will use every struggle to make us more like Jesus and draw us into a deeper relationship with Him.
- The wilderness is a tough time in which believers endure discomfort and trials. It may involve a time of intense temptation and spiritual attack.
- Jesus (full of the Holy Spirit) was led from experiencing a spiritual high at His baptism into the wilderness for a conformation with the devil. Jesus knew that God was with Him at His baptism as well as His wilderness experience.
- God has promised us that He would never leave us regardless of the circumstances. He is always at work in our lives (**Deut. 31:6; Hebrews 13:5**).
- Both Adam and Jesus were tempted with food. Adam failed by giving in to what looked good and pleasing (**Genesis 3:1-6**). Jesus stood firm and found His strength and substance in the Word of God (**Deut. 8:1-3**). Satan tempted Jesus when He was most vulnerable and he tempts us when we are most vulnerable.
- The Holy Spirit's activity in Jesus' life highlights Jesus' genuine humanity. Jesus was tested as the last Adam, the one who would succeed where the first Adam failed (**1Corinthians 15:45**).
- Satan wants us to think/believe that God withholds good things from us. Satan tempts us to distrust God and to question God.

- Sin tempts us to circumvent God's plan for us. We must be able to recognize the temptation to distrust what God has said. Jesus allowed God's word to speak to Him when He was tempted (**Deut.6:13**).
- The temptations we face can feel subtle at times. The Holy Spirit can enable us to trust God's word no matter what temptation we face. But we must resist the claim that Satan is ruler of this world (**John 12:31**).
- Jesus knew He was the Son of God, therefore He didn't need to prove it to Satan. Jesus didn't demand that God act in a certain way to meet His desires.
- Satan quotes **Psalm 91:11-12**(incompletely), a passage that assures God's people of His protection. Jesus responded with scripture (**Deut. 6:16**) that demonstrated complete trust in God with a desire to do nothing that is not always right and good.

### **Points to consider**

- Read **Luke 22:39-46**. What does this scripture teach us about Jesus?
- Was Jesus tempted again as implied in **Luke 4:13**?
- Common temptations that prevent us from serving God effectively are lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, and pride of life. We must recognize these and combat them with the word of God which allows us victory.
- God knows our limits when it comes to being tempted. He provides protection from being tempted beyond what we can take. God will empower you to remain faithful to Him (**1Corinthians 10:12-14**).
- The purpose of the temptation was to demonstrate that Jesus could not give in to Satan. Jesus' response illustrated that there was nothing in Him to which Satan could appeal (**John 14:30**). The more Satan attacked Jesus, the more His perfection was revealed.