



Handling Temptation Like Jesus

Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days He was **tempted by the devil**. He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He was hungry. Luke 4:1,2

Context: Luke 3:15-22

1. Why is this in the Bible?

- To _____ why Jesus was _____ than expected
- To _____ us about the same temptations

2. What are the temptations?

The overall temptation: To reach _____ goals in _____ ways

The devil said to him, “**If you are the Son of God**, tell this stone to become **bread**.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’” Luke 4:3,4

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant **all the kingdoms of the world**. And he said to him, “I will give you all their **authority** and **splendor**; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” Luke 4:5-8

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the **highest point of the temple**. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. For it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Luke 4:9-12

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until **an opportune time**. Luke 4:13

3. What’s the takeaway?

Do God’s _____ in God’s _____

“You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them ...But not so with you. Whoever would be great among you must be a servant... For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:42-44

QUESTIONS *for personal reflection or group discussion*

1. Read Luke 4:1-13 and James 1:13-16. How would you explain to a ten year old why a person does something wrong?
2. As you read the account of Christ’s temptation, what is most interesting to you? What is most encouraging to you?
3. If Satan had three shots at you, what three temptations would he use?
4. What do you learn about Jesus’ tactics when tempted that can help you?
5. Satan tempts Jesus to reach good goals: To survive, to reign, to convince everyone he is the Son of God. Yet he tempts Jesus to achieve these goals through shortcuts that are not God’s will. Are Christians ever tempted today to achieve good goals through unwise or even evil shortcuts? How?
6. Read Hebrews 4:15. How does knowing Jesus understands temptation help you in your struggles? Thank God today that He understands. Ask Him to show you the way out when you’re tempted.

Please pray for the services next weekend. Pray that your heart will be ready to receive what God has for you. Pray that our church will be a place where people love and live like Jesus Christ!

“LIKE JESUS” 40-DAY READING PLAN

WEEK 3

MON	1 Corinthians 10:12-13 and Hebrews 4:14-16
TUE	Luke 4:14-30
WED	Luke 5:1-11
THU	Luke 5:12-31
FRI	Luke 6:17-49
SAT	Isaiah 61:1-3

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