

April 30, 2017  
Luke 4:1-13

## THE TEMPTATIONS OF JESUS

### I. Introduction:

### II. Knowing Your Opponent:

“Be self-controlled and alert. **Your enemy** the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. [9] Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.” 1 Peter 5:8-9

### III. The Setting:

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. Luke 4:1-2

### IV. Three Temptations Jesus Faced:

- A. Lust of the \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_:

<sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” Luke 4:3

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’” Luke 4:4

- D. Lust Of The \_\_\_\_\_:

<sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> If you worship me, it will all be yours.” Luke 4:5-7

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” Luke 4:8

E. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Life:

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; <sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." Luke 4:9-11

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Luke 4:12

#### **V. Conclusion and Application:**

<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time." Luke 4:13

It is written, It is written, It is written: Jesus faced each temptation squarely with the Word of God.

### **POINTS TO PONDER Week of April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup> Luke 4:1-13**

#### **Open It**

1. \*In what ways have you experienced being very hungry or thirsty?
2. If you were stranded with only one canteen of water in the desert, in the jungle, or on a deserted island, what would you do? Why?
3. Why do people laugh when they hear someone say, "I can resist anything except temptation"?

#### **Explore It**

4. How did Jesus end up alone in the desert? (4:1)

5. For how long was Jesus tempted by the devil? (4:2)
6. \*After forty days of fasting and facing temptations, how did Jesus feel? (4:2)
7. How did the devil challenge Jesus to prove He was the Son of God? (4:3, 9-10)
8. \*How did Jesus reply when the devil urged Him to turn a stone into bread? (4:4)
9. \*Where did Jesus get the answers He gave the devil? (4:4, 8, 12)
10. For his second temptation where did the devil take Jesus and what did he show Him? (4:5)
11. By what right did the devil claim to be able to offer Jesus the kingdoms of the world? (4:6)
12. What did the devil offer Jesus in exchange for His worship? (4:6-7)
13. What was Jesus' reply to the devil's offer of power and authority? (4:8)
14. Where did the devil take Jesus in Jerusalem? (4:9)
15. What did the devil dare Jesus to prove by jumping off the temple roof? (4:9-11)
16. Why wasn't the devil successful in enticing Jesus to jump off the temple? (4:12)
17. What did the devil do after Jesus' third resistance to his temptations? (4:13)

### **Get It**

18. How did Jesus and the devil use the Bible differently?
19. In what areas of life can we expect to be tempted?

20. \*What physical needs or desires make us vulnerable to temptation?
21. How might we be tempted to worship the devil in exchange for power or position?
22. In what situations are you sometimes tempted to put the Lord to the test?
23. What did Jesus use repeatedly in resisting the devil's temptations?
24. How did Jesus resist temptation?
25. \*How can a person become skillful at using the Bible as Jesus did?
26. Since the Bible can be misused, how can we learn to use the Bible the right way?
27. What did Jesus prove in the way he resisted the devil's temptations?
28. What is the difference between testing God and claiming His promises?

### **Apply It**

29. \*How can you prepare for tempting situations at work?
30. What frequent temptation can you fight this week by memorizing Scripture?
31. What passage of Scripture would be most helpful to memorize this week?