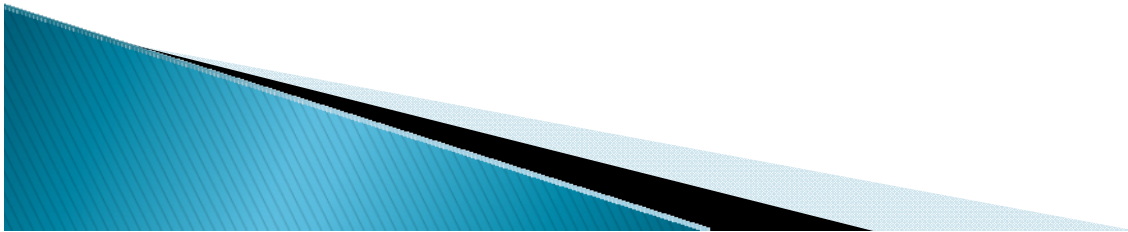


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Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, 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.

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



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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, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me it will be all yours.”

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Jesus answered, “It is written:
‘Worship the Lord your God and
serve him only.’”



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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.



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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.””



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Jesus answered, “It says:”Do not put the Lord your God to the test.””

When the devil had finished this tempting, he left until an opportune time.



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Everyone is tempted...

Everyone needs a sympathetic
champion – a priest...



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1. Jesus endured 40 days of temptation as a man.

“...he was tempted in all points as we are yet without sin.” (Heb 4:15)

Adam was tempted with one thing and blew it – Jesus was tempted with **EVERYTHING** and **WON!**

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2. Jesus went to the next level and endured temptation as the Son of God

“...but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of servant, being made in human likeness...” (Philippians 2:7)

Jesus was supposed to live life as the Son of Man not Son of God

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3. Jesus left us an example how to deal with temptation
 - A. Appealing to our basic physical needs
 - B. Appealing to our desire for short-circuiting faithfulness
 - C. Appealing to our desire to establish a plan and then have God sponsor it



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A. Appealing to our basic physical needs

- A. God has built in the autonomic hunger indication system – we are built to eat to sustain life
- B. God has built in the desire to walk in relationship with Him
- C. The Word sets the priority and we choose one over the other (Deut 8:3)

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B. Appealing to our desire to short-cut faithfulness

- A. God has called us to tap into his Grace through Faith
- B. God has called us to worship and serve him faithfully even when the answer seems slow
- C. The Word sets the priority and we choose one over the other (Deut 6:13)

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- C. Appealing to our desire to establish a plan and then have God sponsor it
 - A. God has revealed promises and strategies in the Word.
 - B. God has revealed His character in his Word.
 - C. The Word sets the priority and we choose one over the other (Deut 6:16)

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The Devil tempts in order to prevent us from walking into God's destiny.

He leaves when we resist and Jesus takes up our cause



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*God's grace is released into our life
when we succeed and we advance*

*God's grace is released into our life
when we fail and repent and
confess and we get back on track*



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