

Luke

4:1-13

Jesus, The Victor Over Temptation

Our Three Questions

1. What does it say?

- Authorial intent to intended audience

2. What does it mean?

- Timeless theological truth

3. How does it apply?

- Landing it in our lives

Luke 4:1-2

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.

Luke 4:3-4

The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’ ”

Luke 4:5-8

And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”

Luke 4:5-8

**And Jesus answered him, “It is written,
“ ‘You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve.’ ”**

Luke 4:9-12

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, “ ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’...

Luke 4:9-12

...and “ ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’ ”

And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

Luke 4:13

And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Luke 4:1-13 – Preview

A question about dandelions

- 1. Full of the Holy Spirit – The life of Jesus**
- 2. Universal Temptations – Adam & Eve...**
- 3. Opportune Times – ‘Opened Doors’**

A question about your choice of response

Dandelions



Full of the Holy Spirit

VS 1-2

Last week in VS 21-38: Jesus, Son of God

- Submitted to baptism to identify with us
- And to be identified by The Father...
- He did not live it by power of 2nd Person...

BUT by the abiding 3rd Person: Holy Spirit

Full of the Holy Spirit

VS 1-2

Last week in VS 21-38: Jesus, Son of God

VS 1-2 Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit...

- Guided not to great but to wilderness
- God has more to work to do in all of us!
- Hebrews 4:15 – He was tempted as we

Full of the Holy Spirit

VS 1-2

Last week in VS 21-38: Jesus, Son of God

VS 1-2 Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit...

Application: Temptation is not a sin.

It is a test **1. to reveal** our desires

& **2. to check** our responses

Temptations

VS 3-12

Provision – Eve saw that it was good for food

- **V3 Jesus was hungry – IF you are The Son of God, command this stone to become bread**
- **V4 Jesus - “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’”**
- **Choose the slippery slope of fake independence or Trust God for His provision**

Temptations

VS 3-12

Provision – Eve saw that it was good for food

Purpose – Eve saw that it was a delight to the eyes

- **V5 Showed all the kingdoms: all yours... IF...**
- **V8 Jesus: “worship Lord your God, Him only”**
- **Love self or love The Father by loving others as Jesus loved us to build His kingdom**

Temptations

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- V9 Set on pinnacle of temple, “IF you are...
throw yourself down from here, for it is written
 - Satan understood that Jesus had to die as a sacrifice
 - The temple is the place to do sacrifice, right?
 - Then & there would be a lot easier than the cross

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- Choose man’s way by avoiding suffering... OR God’s way that accepts The Potter’s hands.

Opportune Time

V 13

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James 4:1–10, ESV

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! **Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?**

James 4:1–10, ESV

Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

James 4:1–10, ESV

Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Cleanse your hands, you sinners,
and purify your hearts, you *double-minded*.

Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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- **We need to watch our for temptations that spring from our own heart.**
- **James 4:1-10 – “The double-soul” is the door**
- **He gives us 5 simple steps for victory in Christ**

Opportune Time – 5 steps

James 4:7-8

1. **Submit to God** – Choose to obey God
2. **Resist the Devil** – Use Word & Prayer
3. **Draw near to God** – Worship & Word
4. **Cleanse your hands** – Confess & repay
5. **Purify your heart** – Choose the One...

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- We have plenty of wrong desires to deceive ourselves
- One of greatest lies today is that we determine TRUTH
- That heart-created fantasy doesn't alter real truth & consequences that result from pursuing such a lie...

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Our unalterable hope when facing tests

- Heb. 2:18 “For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.”**

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Our unalterable hope when facing tests

- **Heb. 2:18 “For because He Himself ...**
- **Since Jesus has been tempted but did not sin, we can be as victorious!**

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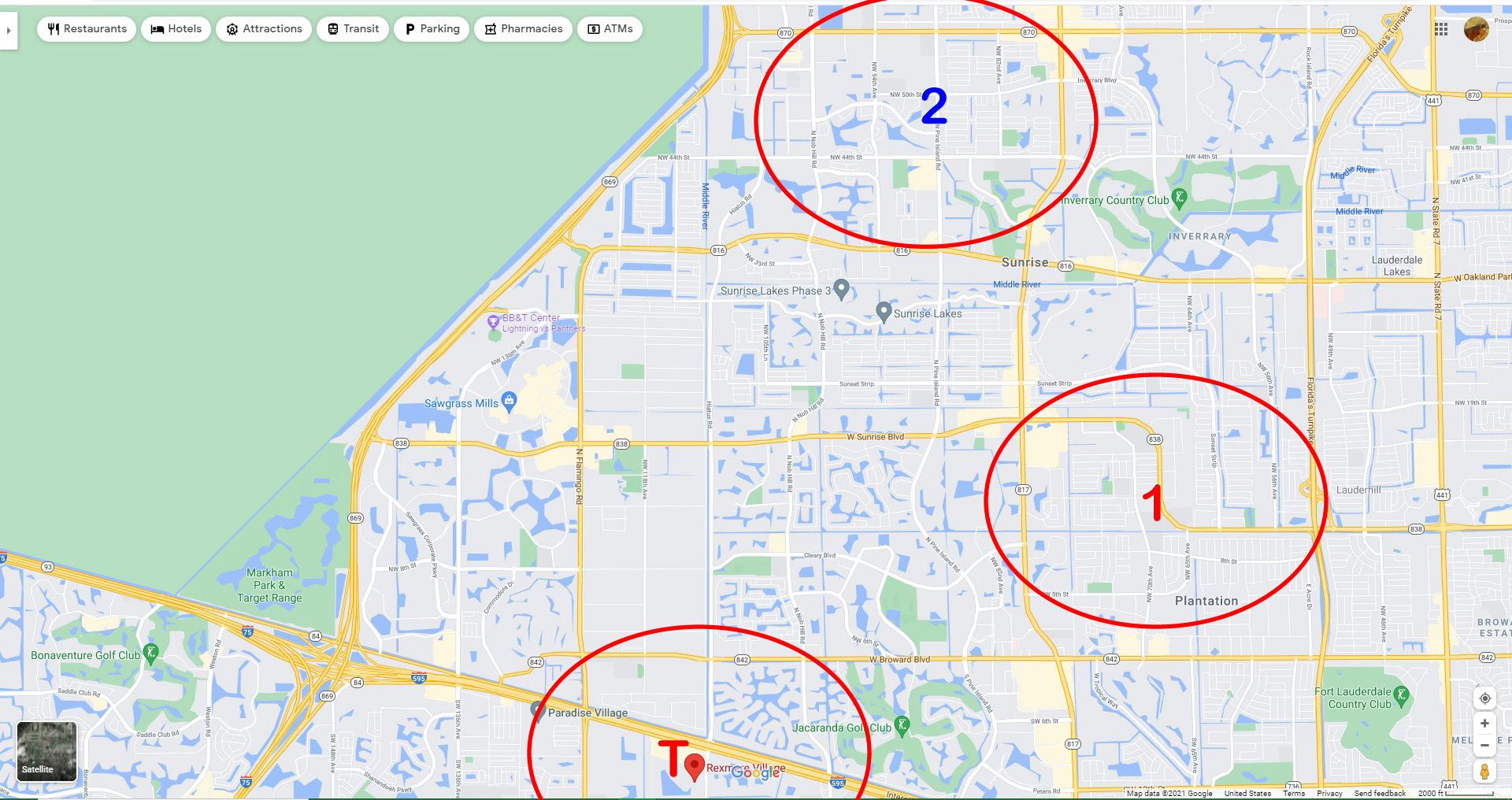
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- **Heb. 2:18 “For because He Himself ...**
- **Jesus was tempted but did not sin, so we too!**
- **The Holy Spirit that lived in Jesus for His victories now lives in each child of God...**

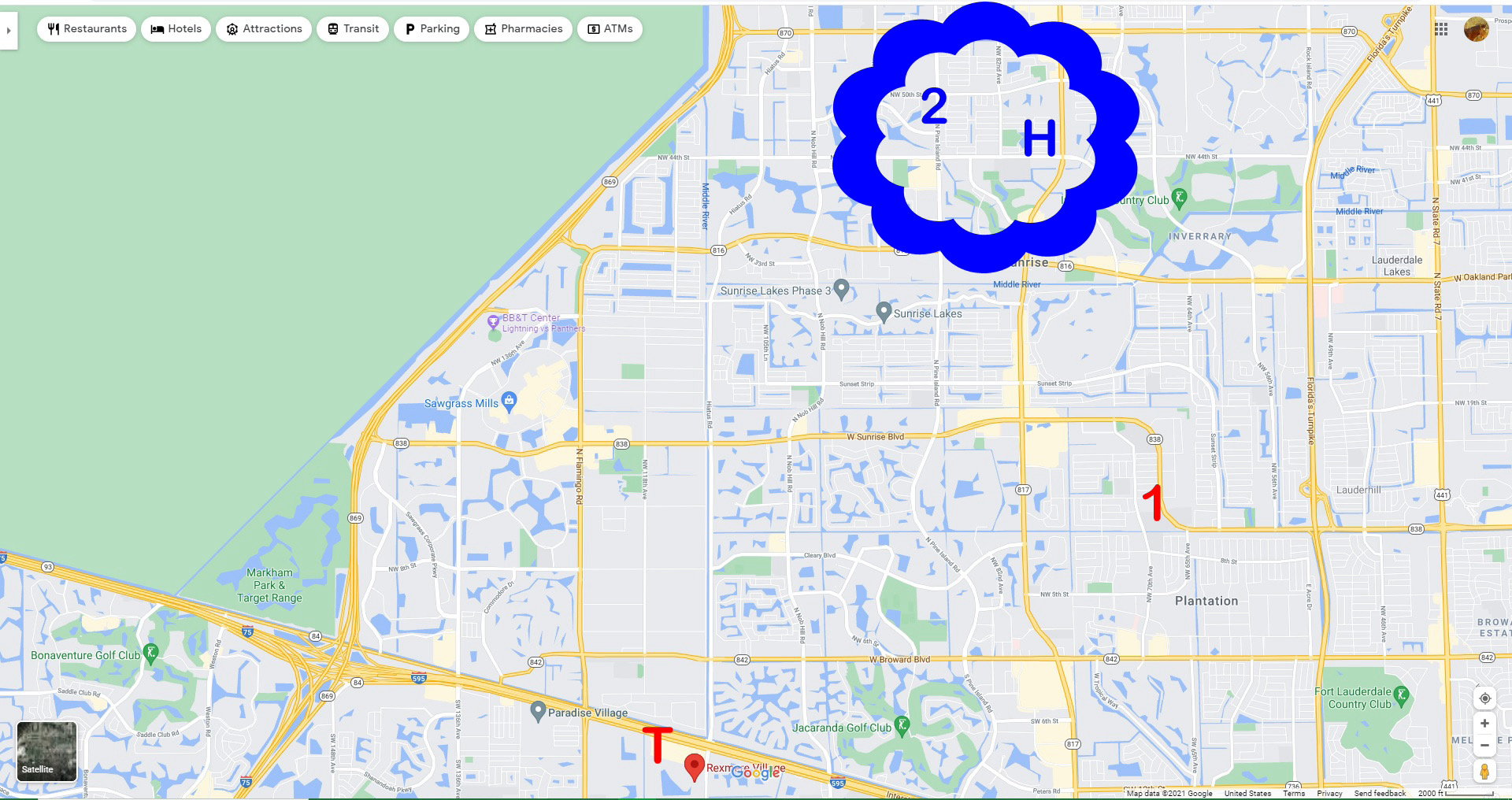
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***WHY* did YOU DO THAT?**

Will you choose:

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2. God's purpose or what you think is best?
3. God's process or what you think is best?

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