

When Temptation Visits

Luke 4:1-13

Luke 4:1-2a * all passages are NIV

¹ Jesus, **full of the Holy Spirit**, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

* see Ex. 34:28 (Moses) & 1 Kings 19:8 (Elijah)

Hebrews 2:14-17

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, **he too shared in their humanity** so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason **he had to be made like them, fully human in every way**, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.



Temptation #1: Doubt God's Love & Satisfy Yourself

Luke 4:2b-4 (NIV)

² He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them **he was hungry**. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "**It is written**: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

Big Truth:

Temptation #2: Pursue the Crown. Bypass the Cross.

Luke 4:5-8 (NIV)

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ 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. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered, "**It is written**: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

Temptation #3: Twist the intention of Scripture.

Luke 4:9-14

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" (see Ps. 91:11-12)

Hebrews 2:18 (see context of Heb. 2:14-18)

¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, **he is able to help those who are being tempted**.

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Discussion Questions

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1. What is it that impacted you from today's teaching? Explain your answer.

 2. Today's BIG TRUTH: **How I behave proves WHO I believe.** How does our obedience/disobedience to God prove our trust/distrust of God?

 3. **Read Hebrews 2:14-18.** Why is the humanity of Jesus so important in helping us face temptation?

 4. How does Satan bait your hook? What temptation do you struggle with most and how can we help you overcome this when temptation visits?

 5. Discuss the 3 Temptations Luke mentions and why each is so dangerous.
 1. Doubt God's love & satisfy yourself.
 2. Pursue the Crown. Bypass the Cross.
 3. Twist the intention of Scripture.
- * Pray for one another now and check on each other throughout the week.