



**Bible study for the week  
starting January 17, 2021  
Luke 4:1-13  
The Wilderness Temptation**

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1. Please open with prayer seeking intentionally that the Holy Spirit who LED Jesus into the wilderness would LEAD you into a greater understanding and closeness to Him
2. Discuss the sermon from this weekend. Look at your message notes to remind you of anything that especially intrigued you or questions that it raised.
3. When you think about temptation, there are so many different ways this can occur. For some, temptation comes in the form of things like food, sleeping in instead of getting up to workout, or just doing nothing instead of being productive. Other temptations may be more severe and wreak havoc on a person's life. Spend time in your group discussing different temptations people might struggle with in everyday life. Today's passage will hopefully shed light on ways to overcome moments of temptation and enable us to look to the Holy Spirit for strength and protection.
4. Matthew, Mark, and Luke each record this event. Please read each of the other two: Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13. Highlight the differences between the accounts. Commentators remind us that Luke likely offers a different order because he continually reminds the readers that the ultimate standoff and temptation will also come in Jerusalem. What do all three versions affirm?
5. Pastor emphasized that the original language likely pointed to SINCE rather than IF you are the Son of God. What about this confrontation leads us to think that way? The three temptations are all messianic in nature. Satan isn't trying to challenge Jesus' ability to do these things; what IS he challenging Jesus to do?
6. Looking at the three temptations, discuss parallel ways in which our own relationship with God is put under strain. Do those same Old Testament quotations of Jesus apply to us as well? But be reminded, that Luke's primary goal here is not to teach us how to resist temptation, though there are valuable lessons included, but Luke's main point is to demonstrate that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.



Quarantine - Luke 4:1-13  
January 17, 2021 - Pastor D. R. Hilken

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Martin Luther ~ 1527-1528

Quarantine and then ... ~ Luke 4:1-13

"If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

**'Man shall not live by bread alone.'**

"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."

**'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'**

"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,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

**"It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"**

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

Satan's SCHEMES

- 1) Attack at the most opportune time
- 2) Utilizes legitimate needs
- 3) Intermingle TRUTH and LIES
- 4) Gives you PART of the story

If (SINCE) you are the Son of God ~ ALLEGIANCE

Arm yourself – Strategies Jesus offers to us

- 1) Time with God
- 2) Expect temptation—especially after a VICTORY
- 3) Be filled with the Holy Spirit
- 4) KNOW God's Word
- 5) EXPECT TEMPTATION

A Mighty Fortress: A Hymn of COMFORT  
"one little WORD can fell him"