

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



*glimpses  
of glory*

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## Jesus' Victory Over Diabolic Persuasion Foreshadows the Scope of His Ministry Luke 4:1-13

### Obedient to his Father, Jesus enters a time of purposeful suffering

**Luke 4:1** And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness **2** for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.

### Jesus rebuffs three real temptations with the Truth of his Father's word, demonstrating his identity as the Son of God

#### Temptation 1: Jesus trusts his Father's guidance & provision

**Luke 4:3** The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." **4** And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'"

#### Temptation 2: Jesus maintains total loyalty to the Father's salvation strategy

**Luke 4:5** And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, **6** 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. **7** If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." **8** And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

**Luke 24: 26** "Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

#### Temptation 3: Jesus refuses to demand proof of his Father's care

**Luke 4:9** 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, **10** for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' **11** and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" **12** And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" **13** And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

## Victorious over human temptation, Jesus is our perfect high priest

**Hebrews 2:14** *Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. 16 For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

1. The divine Son united himself to us, fully sharing our human experience. (vv. 14a, 16-17a)
2. Jesus' flawless life empowered his death to nullify the Devil's rule over death. (v. 14b)
3. As the Father's faithful human servant, Jesus offers a perfect satisfaction for sin. (v. 17b)
4. Jesus accepted the suffering of temptation to be able to provide overcoming power. (v. 18)

## Reflection & Discussion

1. United with us in our humanity and through suffering with temptation, Jesus empowers us to experience his victory over death and temptation. (Heb. 2:14-18)

- Identify a common temptation you need power to overcome.
- What underlying issue makes the temptation seem like a good solution?
- Reflect that Jesus suffered temptation without sinning so he offers compassion and power to overcome.
- Memorize a passage of scripture that addresses the underlying issue of your temptation.

### SONGS

"NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD"

"STAND IN YOUR LOVE"

"ALWAYS GOOD"

"IN CHRIST ALONE"

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### BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 23,209.05

WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,985.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$ 120,085.58

Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$ 184,925.00

ALTAMONT CAMPUS EXPANSION FUND:  
(Last Entry - 2/01) \$ 51,486.00

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