**Luke: Heaven’s Savior with a Human Touch**

**The Devil Couldn’t Make Him Do It**

**Luke 4:1-13**

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Trust Jesus who lived the life we were **CREATED** for so that He could die the death we were **DESTINED** for!

---**JAMES 1:14-15** Each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

**HEBREWS 4:15-16** We have a high priest who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace. We should take the opportunity to confide in a friend

**JAMES 5:16** confess your sins to one another and pray for one another. We should take the opportunity to turn away from tempting situations

**PROVERBS 14:16** One who is wise is cautious and turns away from evil. And we should apply the word of God

**EPHESIANS 6:17** take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**Luke 4:1–13 — 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.* ***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.’ ”* ***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.’ ”* ***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.*

***3 Reasons to Trust Jesus…***

1. He prepared for temptation in the **POWER OF THE SPIRIT**. **Luke 4:1-2**

**Ephesians 5:18 — 18** *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,*

**Hebrews 2:17–18 — 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.* His soul was not hard as a flint or cold as an icicle.

1. He overcame temptation with the **WORD OF GOD**. Luke 4:3-12

… **Luke 19:10 — 10** *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”*

1. He overcame every temptation as the **SON OF GOD**. Luke 4:13

When you are tempted, **RELY** on the power of the Spirit and **APPLY** the Word of God.

When you fail in temptation, **RUN** to the Son of God!

Let’s talk about the temptation of Jesus…

1. What connections can you find between the baptism of Jesus and the genealogy of Jesus in Luke 3 and the temptation of Jesus in Luke 4?
2. What is the difference between a temptation and a test? How can you tell which you might be experiencing?
3. What purpose does the 40 days of fasting serve in the account of the temptation of Jesus?
4. Describe a temptation to meet a legitimate need in a way that leads you to become independent of God?
5. How was the temptation of Jesus described in Luke 4 like the temptation of Adam and Eve in the Garden described in Genesis 3?
6. What do you notice about Jesus’ response to the devil in each of the temptations in Luke 4?
7. How would you follow the example of Jesus in dealing with temptation?
8. In each of these temptations, Jesus is being tempted to think or act in a way that denies either the character or the purposes of God. Describe each.
9. How are we tempted to think about God in ways that are not consistent with who God is?
10. What are the issues that you are especially susceptible to temptation and how do you deal with them?
11. What doe Luke’s record of the temptation of Jesus tell us about who Jesus is?