

KING FOR ALL #7

Luke's Gospel

Son of God

Luke 3:21-4:13



A. SERMON POINTS

1. The sons of God
2. The temptations of Satan
3. The victory of Christ
4. The example for Christians

B. DISCUSSION STARTER

With what does, or how, does Satan tempt Christians today?

C. FROM THE BIBLE

- a. Note the significance of God the Father's words about his Son in Luke 3:22. Compare Psalm 2 and Isaiah 42:1. What do God's words confirm about the identity of Jesus?
- b. How were Adam (a son of God, Luke 3:28) and Eve tempted in Eden? How did Israel (a son of God, Exodus 4:22) fail in the wilderness? (E.g. Numbers 14:2)
- c. Jesus, the true Son of God, is also tempted in the wilderness but does not fail; he is victorious over the devil (cf. Genesis 3:15). Jesus' temptation comes right before the start of his public ministry (4:14-15). Why?

- d. What can we learn from this passage about the nature of temptation?
How does this passage show that temptation is not sin?

Temptation #1: Jesus was tempted to pursue a good thing in the wrong way, rather than trust in God to provide.

Temptation #2: Jesus was tempted to pursue glory and power in an ungodly way, rather than entrust himself to God's plan and timing.

Temptation #3: Jesus was tempted to promote himself by putting God to the test.

D. IMPLICATIONS FOR ME

We mostly fail and fall into temptation. This passage is primarily about Jesus, and points us to him: he who is victorious over the power of the devil.

- a. Consider the subtlety of each temptation, and the means by which Jesus countered them. What does this teach us? Cf. Ephesians 6:17
- b. Note how the devil quoted Scripture (out of context) and sought to mislead Jesus. Origen, one of the great church leaders in the Early Church period, said that the devil, like all heretics, is quick to quote Scripture. What should we learn?
- c. If Jesus, led by the Spirit, is tested/ tempted (*same word!*); what should our expectation be of testing/ tempting in the normal Christians life?
- d. How can your connect group pray for you?

"Jesus is tested, not because he lacks God's presence, care and leading; but in the midst of God's presence, care and leading." (James Edwards)

E. PRAYER SUGGESTION

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