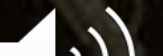


# The Gospel of Luke



“Testing and  
Spiritual Warfare”



## Episodes NOT included in Luke:

- The Royal Lineage of Jesus through Joseph  
– Matt. 1:1-17
- Gabriel Reassuring Joseph – Matt. 1:18-25
- Visit of the Magi – Matt. 2:1-12
- Escape from Herod to Egypt – Matt. 2:13-23
- John's Message (Kingdom of Heaven)  
and Dress – Matt. 3:1ff

# in Luke: Preparation & Presentation

- Intro and certainty of the facts – 1:1-4
- Zachariah's prayer is answered – 1:5-25
- Gabriel's announcement to Mary – 1:25-38
- Mary's visit to Elisabeth and they rejoice together – 1:26-56
- The birth and naming of John the Baptizer – 1:57-80

# in Luke: Preparation & Presentation

- The Christ is born in Bethlehem – 2:1-21
- Simeon & Anna testify regarding the babe, the Messiah – 2:22-39
- The Boy, Jesus, in the temple – 2:41-52
- John the Baptizer preaches in the wilderness – 3:1-18
- The physical lineage of Jesus – 3:21-38

# Key Words in Luke 4

- Jesus Christ
- The Devil
- The Holy Spirit
- God, the Father
- The Word of God
- Temple
- Power/Authority
- Healing/Cleansing
- Synagogue
- Sabbath
- Kingdom of God
- Kingdom of World
- Teach (in every form)

## Summarize the Whole of Luke 4 in 10-words

- Jesus is tempted many times by the devil.
- Mainly Christ's healing, his concern for women and the poor.
- Jesus has authority over the devil his and his demons.
- Jesus rebukes the devil and teaches and heals the people.

Summarize the Whole of Luke 4 in 10-words

Testing of Jesus, the man, and  
demonstrations of Spirit-led power.

Note the word “LED” in Luke 4  
Who is leading whom? Any Insights?

- *v. 1 – “led around by the Spirit”*
- *v. 5 – The devil led Jesus and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world.*
- *v. 9 – The devil led Jesus to the pinnacle of the Temple in Jerusalem.*
- *v. 13 – The devil left Jesus “until an opportune time.”*
- *v. 29 – They... led Him to the brow of the hill...*



- 3 And the devil said to Him†, “If You† are the Son of God†, tell this stone to become bread.”
- 4 And Jesus† answered him, “It is written, ‘<sup>a</sup>MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.’”
- 5 <sup>a</sup>And he led Him† up and showed Him† all the kingdoms of <sup>1b</sup>the world in a moment of time.
- 6 And the devil said to Him†, “I will give You† all this domain and <sup>1</sup>its glory; <sup>a</sup>for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.
- 7 “Therefore if You† <sup>1</sup>worship before me, it shall all be Yours†.”
- 8 Jesus† answered him, “It is written, ‘<sup>a</sup>YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’”
- 9 <sup>a</sup>And he led Him† to Jerusalem and had Him† stand 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,  
‘<sup>a</sup>HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU† TO GUARD YOU†,’
- 11 and,  
‘<sup>a</sup>ON *their* HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU† UP,  
SO THAT YOU† WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR† FOOT AGAINST A STONE.’”
- 12 And Jesus† answered and said to him, “It is said, ‘<sup>a</sup>YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.’”
- 13 When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him† until an opportune time.

# How Jesus faced each temptation

*vs. 2-4 – make stones into bread:*

*He quotes Deut. 8:3a – just the first part*

*In context of Deut. 8, what was the bread?*

*What was Israel's lesson?*

*What was the temptation to Jesus?*

# How Jesus faced each temptation

*vs. 5-8 – bow down /worship the devil and receive all the kingdoms of the world:*

*Jesus would “worship the Lord God and serve Him only.” (Deut. 10:20)*

*In Isa. 14.14 Satan wants to be “like” the Most-High God... to replace Him and be worshiped.*

*What was the temptation to Jesus?*

# How Jesus faced each temptation

*vs. 9-13 – Cast yourself down (600 ft) and  
God will save you:*

*Jesus called this a test of God.*

*cf. Ex. 17:7 – Testing the Lord at Massah*

*How would this have been tempting or  
testing GOD?*

# Two Primary Resources in Facing Temptation

*The Holy Spirit*

*The Word of God*

*Why these two?*

*What might be a third resource we could use in facing temptation?*

## 1 John 2:15

15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

**Stones to Bread:**

**Meet physical needs, independent of God.**

**Desire of the Flesh**

**Worship the Devil:**

**Achievement or Success w/o cost**

**Desire of the Eyes**

**Force God to Rescue You:**

**Immediate personal recognition**

**Boastful Pride of Life**

**Stones to Bread**

**Worship Satan**

**Make God rescue you**

**All three would be completely self-serving.**

**What if Jesus had failed any one of the three?**



# What do you learn about the Devil?

*a) Genesis 3:1-5 & 13-15 –*

*b) John 8:44 –*

*c) Ephesians 2:1-2 –*

- Insights

- Observations

- Questions

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