

# The Temptation of Christ

Luke 4

# The Temptation of Christ Luke 4:1-13

- Introduction
- Songs
- Shepherd's Prayer
- Lesson
  - Context
  - The Temptation
  - What about me?

How would / does the Devil tempt you?

A recent survey of Discipleship Journal readers ranked areas of greatest spiritual challenge to them:

- 1. Materialism.
- 2. Pride.
- 3. Self-centeredness.
- 4. Laziness.
- 5. (Tie) Anger/Bitterness.
- 5. (Tie) Sexual lust.
- 7. Envy.
- 8. Gluttony.
- 9. Lying.

# Seven Deadly Sins....

- pride,
- covetousness (also known as avarice or greed),
- lust,
- anger,
- gluttony,
- envy, and
- sloth.

- 4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.



# 1. The Context

- Jesus, son of Adam, son of God
- Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit
- Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit
- The wilderness
- The tempter: Deceiver

- 3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”
- 4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”
- 5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 If you worship me, it will all be yours.”
- 8 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

- 9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. 10 For it is written:

“ ‘He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you carefully;

11 they will lift you up in their hands,

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

12 Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time,

# The Temptation(s)

- Fasting
  - Not in our culture. Do it, Tom
- Real or mental?
- Some temptations do play out repeatedly in our mind
- How long did the temptations last?
- How do we know about this? Jesus must have related. Different order in Mark.
-

# Three temptations

- Stones to Bread: Relationship over things.
- All the kingdoms of the world (Easy way)
- Cast yourself down, prove yourself and your spirituality.



Pinnacle  
of the  
Temple



# Hebrews 4:14-16

- 14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. 16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.



# The Temptation of Christ Luke 4:1-13

- Introduction
- Songs
- Shepherd's Prayer
- Lesson
  - Context
  - The Temptation
  - What about me?

How would / does the Devil tempt you?

A recent survey of Discipleship Journal readers ranked areas of greatest spiritual challenge to them:

- 1. Materialism.
- 2. Pride.
- 3. Self-centeredness.
- 4. Laziness.
- 5. (Tie) Anger/Bitterness.
- 5. (Tie) Sexual lust.
- 7. Envy.
- 8. Gluttony.
- 9. Lying.

# Seven Deadly Sins....

- pride,
- covetousness (also known as avarice or greed),
- lust,
- anger,
- gluttony,
- envy, and
- sloth.

- 4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.



# 1. The Context

- Jesus, son of Adam, son of God
- Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit
- Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit
- The wilderness
- The tempter: Deceiver

- 3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”
- 4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”
- 5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 If you worship me, it will all be yours.”
- 8 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

- 9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. 10 For it is written:

“ ‘He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you carefully;

11 they will lift you up in their hands,

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

12 Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time,

# The Temptation(s)

- Fasting
  - Not in our culture. Do it, Tom
- Real or mental?
- Some temptations do play out repeatedly in our mind
- How long did the temptations last?
- How do we know about this? Jesus must have related. Different order in Mark.
-

# Three temptations

- Stones to Bread: Relationship over things.
- All the kingdoms of the world (Easy way)
- Cast yourself down, prove yourself and your spirituality.



Pinnacle  
of the  
Temple



# Hebrews 4:14-16

- 14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. 16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

- 1 Corinthians 10:13
- 13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.