

THE TEMPTATIONS OF THE SON OF MAN

(Luke 4:1-13)

I. THE BAPTISM AND GENEALOGY OF JESUS CHRIST (Luke 3:21-38)

II. THE DEVIL TEMPTS THE MESSIAH (Luke 4:1-13; Matt. 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13)

* What is the Holy Spirit's primary and secondary purpose of this passage?

A. The SETTING of this meeting between the wicked one and the Holy One

1. Luke stressed how the Holy Spirit who had come upon Jesus at His baptism in the Jordan now _____ and _____ Him into the wilderness. (v. 1)
2. It is no coincidence that our Lord's temptation in the wilderness continued for 40 days, just as _____ wanderings and temptation continued for _____ years in the wilderness. (v. 2a)

* What physical trial did Jesus experience during this temptation? (v. 2b)

B. The FIRST temptation (3:1-4)

1. Satan first stated an _____ of Jesus' deity, "*If (1st Class) You are the Son of God*" is an assumed _____ in the Greek. (v. 3)
2. The devil's 1st ploy: Don't _____ on the Lord; don't _____ Him for His love and provision for you. Instead fulfill your needs in _____, gratify yourself!
3. Jesus countered this temptation by quoting Deuteronomy 8:3, where Moses had reminded the people of the _____ which God had _____ for them. (v. 4)

* What does "*It is written*" underscore for us as believers?

C. The SECOND temptation (3:5-8)

1. Satan then took Jesus up on a high mountain and “_____ Him all the kingdoms of the world,” and offered them to Jesus if only He would _____ him. (vv. 5-7)

* Was this a legitimate offer by Satan?

2. The devil’s 2nd ploy: Don’t _____ on God’s perfect timing or His future plan for you. Instead you can escape all that suffering and have _____ right now, just compromise!

3. Jesus countered this temptation by quoting Deuteronomy 6:13, where Moses warned the people that once they arrived in the Promised Land to not forget to _____ and _____ the Lord their God alone. (v. 8)

D. The THIRD temptation (3:9-13)

1. Satan then took Jesus up on the highest point of the temple, tempting Him to _____ throw Himself off, knowing ultimately that the Lord’s angels would _____ Him. (vv. 9-11, Psalm 91:11-12)

2. The devil’s 3rd ploy: Since you are protected by the Lord, glorify yourself by _____ Him, forcing Him to _____ you when you make _____ decisions that are contrary to His Word.

3. Jesus countered this temptation by quoting Deuteronomy 6:16 when Moses referred back to a time when the people _____ whether God was really _____ them or not. (v. 12)

* How can you apply this truth today?