

Luke Lesson 14 - Luke 4:1–13 Handout

Luke 4:1 THEN JESUS, full of and controlled by the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led in [by] the [Holy] Spirit

²For (during) forty days in the wilderness (desert), where He was tempted (tried, tested exceedingly) by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they were completed, He was hungry.

1 Peter 5:8 (AMP)

⁸Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant and cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon and devour.

Deuteronomy 8:2 (NASB95)

²“You shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

James 1:12–13 (NASB95)

¹²Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

Romans 5:12 (NASB95)

¹²Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

Romans 5:19 (NASB95)

¹⁹For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

Genesis 7:17 (NASB95)

¹⁷Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days, and the water increased and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth.

Exodus 24:18 (NASB95)

¹⁸Moses entered the midst of the cloud as he went up to the mountain; and Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

1 Samuel 17:16 (NASB95)

¹⁶The Philistine came forward morning and evening for forty days and took his stand.

1 Kings 19:8 (NASB95)

⁸So he (Elijah) arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God.

Deuteronomy 29:5 (NASB95)

⁵“I have led you forty years in the wilderness; your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandal has not worn out on your foot.

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³Then the devil said to Him, If You are the Son of God, order this stone to turn into a loaf (of bread).

⁴And Jesus replied to him, It is written, Man shall not live and be sustained by (on) bread alone but by every word and expression of God.

⁵Then the devil took Him up to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the habitable world in a moment of time [in the twinkling of an eye].

⁶And he said to Him, To You I will give all this power and authority and their glory (all their magnificence, excellence, preeminence, dignity, and grace), for it has been turned over to me, and I give it to whomever I will.

⁷Therefore if You will do homage to and worship me [just once], it shall all be Yours.

⁸And Jesus replied to him, Get behind Me, Satan! It is written, You shall do homage to and worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.

⁹Then he took Him to Jerusalem and set Him on a gable of the temple, and said to Him, If You are the Son of God, cast Yourself down from here;

¹⁰For it is written, He will give His angels charge over you to guard and watch over you closely and carefully;

¹¹And on their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

¹²And Jesus replied to him, [The Scripture] says, You shall not tempt (try, test exceedingly) the Lord your God.

¹³And when the devil had ended every [the complete cycle of] temptation, he [temporarily] left Him [that is, stood off from Him] until another more opportune and favorable time.

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So Jesus was tempted along these three lines—to have something, to be somebody, and to do something other than God intended. In other words, Jesus was being tempted to break away from God's story. Satan offered Jesus a different storyline without hardship, without suffering, without the Cross.

That's the same thing he offered Adam and Eve—a different storyline. It's the same thing he offered Israel in the wilderness—a different storyline. It's the same thing he offers you and me every time he suggests we be, do, or have something contrary to God's intent.

Adam and Eve fell victim to that temptation, and the people of Israel fell victim to that temptation time and again. You and I fall victim to that temptation all the time.

But Jesus didn't fall. Jesus stood the test. He looked Satan in the eye and said: My life is about more than food. It's about more than power. It's about more than safety. It's about doing my Father's will and fulfilling his purpose.

James 1:¹⁴But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

¹⁵Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

Luke 14:31 (NASB95)

³¹Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand?