

The Temptation of Jesus: Victory Over Temptation

Luke 04:01–15

(Mt. 4:1-11, 12-17; Mk. 1:12-13, 14-15)

1 *Being prepared to serve God*

- a. By being filled with the Spirit
- b. By spending time alone with God
- c. By being tried and tested
- d. By fasting and praying

2 *Temptation 1: To meet the necessities of life by His own power*

- a. Satan's temptation:
To misuse His power
- b. Jesus' answer:
Man needs more than bread —
he needs God's life
or spiritual food

3 *Temptation 2: To seek His ambition by compromise*

- a. Satan's enticement:
He shows the world's
possessions and glory
- b. Satan's claim:
He controls world and its glory
- c. Satan's offer:
He will give the world
to anyone he wills
- d. Satan's condition:
A person must worship
and follow him
- e. Jesus' answer:
He must worship
and follow God alone

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,
returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit in the desert,

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.

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 does 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 splendour,
for it has been given to me,
and I can give it to anyone I want to.

7 So if you worship me,
it will all be yours.”

8 Jesus answered, “It is written:
‘Worship the Lord your God
and serve him only.’”

<p>4 <i>Temptation 3:</i> <i>To prove Himself</i> <i>through sensationalism</i></p> <p>a. Satan's temptation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To choose another way 2) To misuse and twist the Scripture to suit his own ends 3) To give people sensations — a religion of feelings <p>b. Jesus' answer: God is not to be tempted — God's way alone is to be followed</p> <p>5 <i>Conclusion:</i> <i>Satan left Jesus for a while</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jesus' great power b. Jesus' great fame c. Jesus' great ministry 	<p>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.</p> <p>10 For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;</p> <p>11 They will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"</p> <p>12 Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"</p> <p>13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.</p> <p>14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.</p> <p>15 He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.</p>
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