



Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Lesson 4 – Luke 4

People — Who is involved?

Jesus – tempted before beginning his teaching
The Devil – tempting Jesus
Nazarenes - People in synagogue at Nazareth
Simon's wife's mother – healed of a high fever
Sick people at Capernaum – healed of diseases

Places — Where does it happen?

Wilderness of Judea – a southern region where Jesus was tempted.
Galilee – the northern region where Jesus began his ministry.
Nazareth – Jesus' hometown
Capernaum – where Jesus healed many

Pearls — What information will help me to understand better?

- Vs. 2 – Jesus was tempted by the devil as we are (see Heb. 2:17-18; 4:14-16).
The Greek word for "devil" here is "diabolos." It means "accuser" or "slanderer."
The devil wanted Jesus to offend God by sinning; he also wanted Jesus to abandon His mission.*
- Vs. 3 – If Jesus turned stones to bread, he would abuse His power for His own personal needs.*
- Vs. 5 – If Jesus worshiped Satan, he would he would compromise himself and be disloyal to God.*
- Vs. 9 – If Jesus jumped from the temple, he would force God's hand and attempt to put Him in a position of acting at the direction of the one receiving the blessing rather than by His own will.*
- Vs. 12 – Each of the three Scriptures Jesus uses is from Deuteronomy (8:3; 6:13; and 6:16) and occurs in situations where the Israelites had both tempted God and were tempted themselves.*
- Vs. 13 – The devil departed "for a season." He always comes back.*
- Vs. 14 – For more on the early part of Jesus' ministry, one may read John 1:19 – 4:45.*
- Vs. 17 – The Scripture Jesus read at Nazareth can be found in Isaiah 61:1-2.*
- Vs. 18 - One should think of the "spiritual" significance of preaching, healing, delivering, recovering, etc.*
- Vs. 25 – This refers to Elijah and events in 1 Kings 17-18.*
- Vs. 27 – This refers to Elisha and Naaman in 2 Kings 5.*
- Vs. 33 – The word for "demon" (daimonion) appears 23 times in Luke and appears to refer to evil spirits proceeding from the realm of Satan, the devil.*
- Vs. 38 – This Simon is the one Jesus later calls "Peter" (Mt. 16:18) and calls to be an apostle. Notice, he is married and it is his mother-in-law who is healed.*
- Vs. 43 – Jesus here states the current part of His mission and he must move to other places.*

Perspectives – What may I learn from this chapter?

- 1. We will all be tempted by the devil as Jesus was. We should respond as He did by gaining strength from God's Word to resist and maintain our faithfulness to God and what is right.*
- 2. Jesus was the Messiah, the one who would fulfill the prophecies bring deliverance to God's people.*
- 3. Jesus was unique in his healing and in his preaching. Both showed that He was from God.*