

**Jesus, Full of the Holy Spirit, Is Tempted in the Wilderness**

Luke 4:1-15

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
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**Luke's Genealogy**

- **Luke 3:23**  
And when He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being supposedly the son of Joseph. . .
- **Luke 3:38**  
. . . the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

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**Theme: Divine Sonship**

- **Luke 3:22** - "Thou art My Son"
- **Luke 3:23; 38** - "Supposedly the Son of Joseph . . . Adam the son of God"
- **Luke 4:3** - "If you are the Son of God"
- **Luke 4:9** - "If you are the Son of God"
- **Luke 4:41** - "You are the Son of God" (demons say)

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## Israel Was Also God's Son

### ■ Exodus 4:22

Then you shall say to Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord, 'Israel is My son, My first-born.'"

### ■ Hosea 11:1

When Israel was a youth I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son.

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## Adam/Jesus Analogy

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| ■ Adam as God's son fails when tempted.         | ■ Jesus as God's son overcomes temptation.           |
| ■ Adam failed because he wanted to be like God. | ■ Jesus was God but humbled Himself to become a man. |
| ■ Adam's failure made all his sons sinners.     | ■ Jesus' victory made all His sons righteous.        |

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## Israel/Jesus Analogy

- Israel was led by God into the wilderness, as was Jesus.
- Israel "rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit" (Isaiah 63:10), but Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit and obeyed.
- Israel was allowed to hunger to learn one does not live by bread alone (Deut. 8:3).
- Israel was instructed to worship only God (Deut. 6:13).
- Israel was told to not put God to the test (Deut. 6:16).
- Unlike Israel, Jesus obeyed these Scriptures.

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## The Holy Spirit "Carries" Jesus Into the Wilderness to be Tempted

### ■ Luke 4:1, 2

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led about by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days; and when they had ended, He became hungry.

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## Satan Challenges Jesus' Divine Sonship

### ■ Luke 4:3, 4

And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

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## Satan Offers the Sinful World to Jesus

### ■ Luke 4:5 - 7

And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours."

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## God Offers The Nations to the Son

### ■ Psalm 2:7-9

I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, "Thou art My Son, Today I have begotten Thee. Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Thine inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron, Thou shalt shatter them like earthenware."

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## But: Salvation or Judgment?

### ■ Psalm 2:10-12

Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; Take warning, O judges of the earth. Worship the Lord with reverence, And rejoice with trembling. Do homage to the Son, lest He become angry, and you perish in the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

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## Jesus is Faithful To God's Word

### ■ Luke 4:8

And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'"

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### Temptation to act Presumptuously

#### ■ Luke 4:9-11

And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here; for it is written, 'He will give His angels charge concerning You to guard You,' and, 'On their hands they will bear You up, Lest You strike Your foot against a stone.'"

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### Unlike OT Israel, Jesus Will Not Tempt God

#### ■ Luke 4:12

And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

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### Jesus is Proven to Be the Faithful Son of God

#### ■ Luke 4:13

And when the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

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## Theme: The Power of the Spirit

### ■ Luke 4:14, 15

And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit; and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district. And He began teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all.

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## Applications

- Take up the sword of the Spirit.
- Resist any temptation to be presumptuous.
- True sons are "led by the Spirit."

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## The Word of God

### ■ Ephesians 6:17

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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## Avoiding Presumption

### ■ James 4:13 - 15

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow, we shall go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and also do this or that."

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## Led By the Spirit

### ■ Romans 8:14

For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

### ■ Exodus 19:4

You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself.

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