

LUKE SERMON SERIES - DEVOTIONAL

NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

DAY 1

THE SETTING

Read Luke 4:1-13

- When does the temptation of Jesus take place? (Hint: What was the last event Luke documented in Luke 3:21-22?)
 - How long did the temptations last?
- Where does Luke say the temptations took place?
 - How does the “where” change in the various temptations?
- Notice how often the phrase, “it is written” is repeated. Why is this significant?
 - Hint: Read Ephesians 6:10-20. What does Paul say are our offensive weapons in spiritual battles?

If you are a Christian, praise God that like Jesus you are filled with the Holy Spirit and you have prayer and the Bible, the sword of the Spirit, in order to do battle against the devil, and his schemes.

DAY 2

THE CHARACTERS

Read Luke 4:1-13 and note what you learn about the three characters in this narrative.

Jesus

- What details does Luke describe that relate to the humanity of Jesus?
- What descriptions does Luke include that relate to the deity of Jesus?

Holy Spirit

- What is His role in this account and why is that significant?

The Devil

- List what you learn about the devil from Luke’s narrative.

Reflection: Read Hebrews 4:14-16 and praise God for our Saviour who never sinned, but can empathize with our weakness and provide mercy and grace to help us in need.

Pray in adoration, confession, and supplication based on these passages.

DAY 3

SCENE ONE

Luke describes the temptation of Jesus lasting for forty days and culminating in these three temptations. Let's look at each one scene separately over the next few days. Read Luke 4:1-4.

- How is the devil attacking Jesus? What truth is he challenging?
 - Hint: What has God just affirmed to Jesus in Luke 3:22?
- Jesus responds to the devil's temptation by quoting Scripture. Look up Deuteronomy 8:1-4 to learn the context of this quotation.
 - What connections do you see between the nation of Israel's experience in the wilderness and what Jesus is facing here?
 - What was God teaching Israel in Deuteronomy and how does that connect to Jesus' rebuttal against Satan's temptation?

Reflection: How does the fact that Jesus, the Son of God, had total reliance on God's Word and God's provision encourage or challenge you today?

Pray in thanksgiving for God's faithfulness and ask Him to continue to provide daily for your needs (Matthew 6:9-13).

DAY 4

SCENE TWO

Read Luke 4:5-8.

- What does the devil try to tempt Jesus with in this scene?
- Jesus quotes from Deuteronomy again. Read Deuteronomy 6:10-18.
 - What had God promised to Israel?
 - What did Israel need to do in order to receive this promise?
 - How does this connect to Jesus' temptation from the devil and how he combated it.
 - Hint: Read Philippians 2:9-11 where we read about Jesus' authority.

Reflection: When have you been tempted to serve "another god" in order to achieve something in this world? How does this passage encourage you to worship God alone?

Prayer: Praise God for blessing all the families of the world through Jesus, the descendant of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!

DAY 5

SCENE THREE

Read Luke 4:9-12.

- Notice the devil also quotes Scripture in this scene. (Read Psalm 91 for the source and context of his quotation). How is the devil using these verses to tempt Jesus?
 - How should this text warn us about using Scripture appropriately and being aware of those who distort it? (Read Acts 20:28-31 where Paul warns of this same thing.)
- Again Jesus combats the devil's temptation with God's Word. He quotes from Deuteronomy 6:16 which refers to an account in Exodus of Israel testing God. Read Exodus 17:1-7.
 - Why did Israel doubt God?
 - How were they putting God to the test?
- Based on the context of Deuteronomy 6, Exodus 17, and Luke 4, why does Jesus refuse to put God to the test?

Today as you pray, reflect on God's promises and faithful character. Pray in adoration, confession and supplication as you consider how this text should encourage you to trust God.