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# The Gospel of Luke

*a verse-by-verse study*

## Session 5

# Review

- Luke is writing to the High Priest, Theophilus...
- ...to 'set in order' what was known of Messiah
- He begins by introducing the births of John the Baptist and Jesus
- Luke records that *both* were miraculous and fulfillments of prophecy
  - John was born when his parents were both very old
  - Jesus was born of a virgin
- For Jews looking for the Messiah they needed assurance and confirmation that Yeshua was the long-awaited One who had been prophesied...

# Prophecies Fulfilled in Yeshua

*so far in Luke...*

- The Seed (male child) of a woman (but not a man) – Gen 3:13
- Born of a virgin – Isaiah 7:14
- Born in Bethlehem – Micah 5:2
- Born in Migdal Eder (watchtower of the flock) – Micah 4:8
- Born as a spotless sacrificial Lamb – Luke 2:7
- Recognised as the consolation of Israel – Luke 2:25
- He grew up in Nazareth – Matthew 2:23/Luke 2:39
- He was reproached of men – Psalm 69:9,12
- Preceded by an Elijah-like herald – Luke 3:4-6
- Of the tribe of Judah – Luke 2:4
- Of the royal line of David – Luke 3:31
- Spirit of God was upon Him – Isaiah 61:1/Luke 2:40

# Testimonies Yeshua is Messiah

*so far in Luke...*

- Zechariah – Luke 1:67-79
- Elizabeth – Luke 1:43
- Mary – Luke 1:46-55
- Angels – Luke 2:11
- Shepherds – Luke 2:20
- Simeon – Luke 2:29-32
- Anna – Luke 2:38
- John the Baptist – Luke 3:16-17
- God the Father – Luke 3:22
- Jesus Himself – Luke 2:49

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## CHAPTER 4

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**Luke 4:1-2**

1. Full of the Holy Ghost...
2. Led by the Spirit...
3. ...into the wilderness
4. 'forty days'
5. The source of temptation
6. The purpose of fasting
7. He was hungry?

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## 1. Full of the Holy Ghost...

- Be being filled (Eph 5:18)
- Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit at His baptism for the work of ministry

# Threefold Function of the Spirit

**Para** – Jn 14:16 the Holy Spirit is shown to draw along side (bringing conviction)

– παράκλητος [*parakletos* /par-ak-lay-tos/]

**En** – indwelling

– ἐν, ἐμμέσῳ, ἐννόμῳ [*en* /en/]

**Epi** – coming upon

– ἐπί [*epi* /ep-ee/]



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## 2. Led by the Spirit...

- The child-like faith
- The 'not knowing'

# Whose path do you follow?

*“If you are going to be used by God, He will take you through a multitude of experiences that are not meant for you at all; they are meant to make you useful in His hands, and to enable you to understand what transpires in other souls so that you will never be surprised at what you come across”.*

*“Are we partakers of Christ’s sufferings? Are we prepared for God to stamp our personal ambitions right out?”*

- Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*

# Divine Guidance

<sup>23</sup> The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD:  
and he delighteth in his way.

**Psalm 37:23**

<sup>133</sup> Order my steps in thy word:  
and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

**Psalm 119:133**

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### 3. ...into the wilderness

- *“When he [Manasseh] was in affliction, ‘He besought the Lord his God’: even that king’s iron was more precious to him than his gold, his jail a more happy lodging than his palace, Babylon a better school than Jerusalem.” - CHS*

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#### 4. 'forty days'

- '40' speaks of a time of testing throughout scripture
  - 40 years in the wilderness for Israel
  - The number of years Eli judged Israel
  - Moses was up the mountain for 40 days/nights
  - The length of David's/Solomon's reign

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## 5. The source of temptation



# The Source of Temptation

<sup>13</sup> Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

<sup>14</sup> But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

<sup>15</sup> Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

**James 1:13-15**

# Temptations

- ‘Carried away’ and ‘enticed’ are hunting and fishing metaphors
- ‘Carried away’
  - To lure something out into the open
- ‘enticed’
  - The idea of bait (literally a trap to catch prey)
- Where does the bait come from?
- Our perception, our own lusts

# Temptations

- Why is it tempting?
- Because we allow it to be enticing because we do not have the right view of it.
  - Consider a beautiful but deadly flower. Knowing it is deadly changes our perception of it, and it loses attraction
- Sin has distorted the good things that God has made so that we see them in a context that was never intended

# Temptations

- Our hearts and minds are fertile soil where temptations can grow
- This is why what may be a temptation to one may not be to another
- We are commanded not to 'go astray' or 'wander'
- Temptations will result in death, progressively – starting as possibly innocuous

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- Why was Jesus tempted?
- What was the purpose of these temptations?
- Who was it for, Jesus or Satan?
- What was being settled here?
- It was a challenge on God's sovereignty and His creation of man.

# The Divine Challenge

- Satan had been envious of man from Creation
- Satan was challenging God's wisdom in creating man
  - ...and the notion that God and man could live in harmony
- Adam (the first man) succumbed and sin entered the world
- *If* Jesus failed, not only would God's 'plan' fail
  - The plan of redemption
- ...it would demonstrate that God was wrong
  - His 'perfect' creation would be shown to be incapable of selfless obedience
    - Giving man free will would never work!



# The Divine Challenge

- Jesus triumphed and defeated Satan's 'claim'
- Man can worship God for who He is
  - This the challenge in the book of Job
- Man \*can live a life of selfless obedience
  - \*Man without the hereditary of sin
  - In Christ this can be the testimony of all believers
- God's creation of man (and giving him dominion over the earth) is thus vindicated!
- Satan's rebellion against God is shown to have been unwarranted – he was wrong!

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## 6. The purpose of fasting

- Not a hunger strike to get God to grant your request!
- It is all about intimacy and fellowship with God

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## 7. He was hungry?

- The biggest understatement in scripture?
- The natural effect is for your body to stop craving food in the way it did + God sustains
- Jesus was just hungry after the 40 days.

# The Three Great Temptations!

<sup>15</sup> Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

<sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

**1 John 2:15-16**

- Eve saw the fruit was good for food
  - the lust of the flesh
- Eve saw it was pleasant to the eyes
  - the lust of the eyes
- Eve desired to be wise like God
  - the pride of life

# Aid for the Tempted!

<sup>15</sup> For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

<sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

**Hebrews 4:15-16**

# Aid for the Tempted!

<sup>17</sup> Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

<sup>18</sup> For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

**Hebrews 2:17-18**



# Aid for the Tempted!

<sup>13</sup> There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

# A Blessing for Enduring

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

James 1:12

# Temptation #1

<sup>3</sup> And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

**Luke 4:3**

- The lust of the flesh
  - The appeal to the appetite
  - The temptation to satisfy a legitimate need in an illegitimate way
- *This could be more accurately translated since You are the Son of God. Satan didn't suggest doubt about Jesus' identity. Instead, He challenged Jesus to display His identity – David Guzik*

# Response #1

4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God

**Luke 4:4**

- Jesus responds with the greatest words...
- 'It is written' (Deut 8:3)
- The Word of God is living and powerful (Heb 4:12)
- In the midst of a spiritual battle, never forget your Sword!
- Physical food is important... but spiritual food more so!
  - Paul contrasts bodily exercise with Godliness (1 Tim 4:8)

# Temptation #2

<sup>5</sup> And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

<sup>6</sup> And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

<sup>7</sup> If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

**Luke 4:5-7**

- **The lust of the eyes**
  - The appeal to the desire
  - The eyes are the window of the soul



# Seven Kingdoms

The background of the slide is a collage of ancient historical images. In the upper right, there is a large, weathered stone sphinx. To its left, a temple with several columns is visible. In the lower right foreground, a golden pyramid is shown. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of brown, gold, and red.

- 1) *Egypt*
- 2) *Assyria*
- 3) *Babylon*
- 4) *Medo-Persia*
- 5) *Greece*
- 6) *Rome*
- 7) *10 Kings*

# Response #2

8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

**Luke 4:8**

- Jesus reacts more intensely to this temptation
  - This gets to the core of Jesus mandate
  - He is destined to rule all nations with a rod of iron (Psalm 2)
- Jesus does not challenge Satan's offer...
- For now, the kingdoms of this world are in the hands of Satan (2 Cor 4:4)
- Again, Jesus quotes scripture (Deut 6:13)



# Temptation #3

<sup>9</sup> And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

<sup>10</sup> For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

<sup>11</sup> And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

**Luke 4:9-11**

- The pride of life
  - The appeal to the ego
  - The need for self worth and acceptance

# Response #3

<sup>12</sup> And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

**Luke 4:12**

- Again, Jesus quotes scripture (Psalm 91:11-12)
- James tells us to resist the Devil and he will flee from us!

13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about

**Luke 4:13-14**

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