

**Sermon: The Temptation and Victory of Jesus
Our Savior.**

Series: *Luke: The Gospel for Everyone.*
Scripture: Luke 4:1-13.
Date: March 3, 2024

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Verse 1 – Jesus was led into the wilderness by God the Holy Spirit to be tempted by the Devil. Do you struggle to see God as being in control of every area of your life including your temptations? How can trusting God’s sovereignty help you to face temptation boldly?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

b) Satan’s tempts us to turn good things into “god things.” Is there a good thing in your life that you tend to make ultimate? A gift of God’s that you want but without God attached? An idol?

c) Satan’s first temptation offered to meet Jesus’s basic need for the provision of food. Is there something that you’ve been demanding God provide, rather than trusting that he will provide it in his timing?

d) Satan’s second temptation offered Jesus an easy way out – the crown without the cross? Can you identify any areas of your life where you have been seeking the easy way out lately? Solutions without sacrifice? Glory without the carrying your cross?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Verse 3 – Satan tempted Jesus in his identity (If you are the son of God). In what ways does Satan tempt you as to your identity, especially doubting your identity in Christ? How does knowing who we are in Christ allow us to defeat any temptation?

b) Why is it so crucial to our salvation that Jesus passed this wilderness testing?

c) When you fail and give into temptation how can this passage encourage you in your salvation?

APPLICATION

a) What can you do to build up your resistance to temptation? How will the word of God play into strengthening you?

PRAYER

- Acknowledge God’s sovereign control over your entire life, including your trials and temptations.
- Confess ways that you have turned good things into god things.
- Thank Jesus for being first your savior and then your example.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to bring the gospel to mind in your times of temptation.