

Wednesday Night Bible Study

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Main Study

How 3 Temptations in Jesus' life mirror Israel's tests

Luke 4:1-13

3 Tests from Israel to God

1. Exodus 16 -- the people are testing *God*. About food.
2. Exodus 32 -- The people are testing *God*. About Worship. Some say, "If I could just see _____, I would believe." But these people firsthand experienced God's miracles and *still* doubted. They failed the test of whom they should worship.
3. Exodus 16/17 -- the people are testing *God*. Demanding a miracle.

3 Temptations from Satan to Jesus

1. 4:4: Food. Jesus passed the food test that the people failed.
2. 4:8: Worship. Jesus passed the worship test that the people failed.
3. 4:12: Miracle. Jesus passed the miracle test that the people failed.

Rabbit Trails

When did Jesus know that He was the Messiah? (Below is almost entirely speculation)

- Birth?
 - Gave up divine prerogative--Philippians 2:7
 - Jesus had to *learn* things:
 - Luke 2:52 -- Jesus increased--grew--in wisdom, stature, in favor with God, in favor with people. This is growing intellectually, physically, spiritually, and socially.
 - Luke 3:21
- 12 Years Old in the Temple?
 - He certainly recognized *something*. "My father's business."
- Baptism by John?

In answer to Modalism

- Luke 3:21
- In the "form of a dove": Luke is trying to find the best way to describe the thing that people saw.
 - This is a callback to the first time in the Old Testament we see a dove: the Ark. A symbol of new life and hope.
 - Hosea 11:11 -- When God referred to a dove, it was a promise that He was going to bring them back to the land and He was going to be with them there.

Mark 6:3 -- Jesus the Carpenter

- *Tekton* is traditionally translated "carpenter." Someone who works with his hands. But "Carpenter" may not necessarily fit in the first century. It more specifically means, "craftsman"--someone who works with his hands.
 - Jesus is born in Nazareth. West of Sea of Galilee.

- Just to the north is a town called “Sepphoris”--the largest rock quarry in the region. Every able-bodied man worked there. It was the biggest form of work at the time. They cut rock to help Herod the Great make his temple the eighth wonder of the world.
- Statistically speaking, Joseph probably worked there--making him a stone mason.
- Every home in Israel was built with stone--not with wood.
- Understanding that Jesus learned from his father about how to cut rock from a quarry make these passages make sense:
 - Luke 20:17 “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”
 - Acts 4:11
 - Matthew 16:18
 - 1 Peter 2:5

Additional Resources

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