

## The Forgotten Jesus Podcast

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### Living A Lifestyle Of Obedience To The Spirit - (Luke 4:1-15)

**Description – Today we'll talk about Jesus's temptation in the wilderness and how He lived in obedience to the Holy Spirit.**

Luke is the only gospel writer to try to put into an orderly account the events of the life and ministry of Jesus.

Luke 4 starts with the temptation in the wilderness, which is directly after his baptism by John.

After this, Jesus goes to preach a message in his hometown, Nazareth.

What is Luke re-creating for the OT audience?

You have Water - Trials in the Wilderness - then a Teaching moment.

Luke is re-creating the events of the Exodus.

Two things Jesus is doing here in these passages: Text & Context

The three temptations:

#### 1. Appetite

- a. God has JUST said about Jesus at the Baptism, "YOU ARE MY SON..."
- b. Satan's first attack... "IF you are really the son of god..."
- c. Jesus responds with Deuteronomy, and shows Satan that you cannot survive on bread alone. This is the one of the messages the Nation should have learned in the wilderness, but didn't.

#### 2. Approval

- a. Satan offers Jesus the kingdoms of the world, if only Jesus will bow down and Worship him.
- b. Satan has this authority, only because God allows it. Satan is even lying / twisting about how much authority he has.
- c. How does Satan control the world? Or, how does Satan's kingdom work compared to God's Kingdom?
  - i. Satan's kingdom is all about self & pride
  - ii. God's kingdom is humility.
  - iii. Satan controls by stealing, killing, destroying.
  - iv. God's control is peace, love, gentleness.

- d. Jesus knows that God's kingdom advances through obedience and service. There's no shortcut.

### 3. Ambition

- a. Satan tempts him to throw himself off the pinnacle of the temple. To do something spectacular and memorable.
- b. Jesus says you shouldn't test the Lord your God. Jesus knows there's no shortcut to the cross.

### **Luke 4:14-15**

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread throughout the entire vicinity. <sup>15</sup> He was teaching in their synagogues, being praised by everyone.

Jesus is baptized in Luke 3, and is filled with the Spirit, He's then led into the wilderness BY the Spirit, and then he leaves the Wilderness in the power of the Spirit after the temptation.

One might ask, why all this suffering if I'm walking after God?

The counterargument might be: Who told you walking after God would be an easy, carefree life?

### **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> especially because of the extraordinary revelations. Therefore, so that I would not exalt myself, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to torment me so that I would not exalt myself. <sup>8</sup> Concerning this, I pleaded with the Lord three times that it would leave me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness." Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may reside in me. <sup>10</sup> So I take pleasure in weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

The challenge with trials in our lives is that God gives us these so that we can grow and learn from them. We are then equipped to face whatever trial is next.

Instead of praying "God get me out of this trial" we should pray, "God, what are you trying to teach me."

God's trials in our life should drive us to dependence on Him.

After Jesus goes through the trial in the wilderness, he's rejuvenated by the Spirit as he goes about and preaches in Galilee.