

*A journey through the writings of*  
**LUKE**

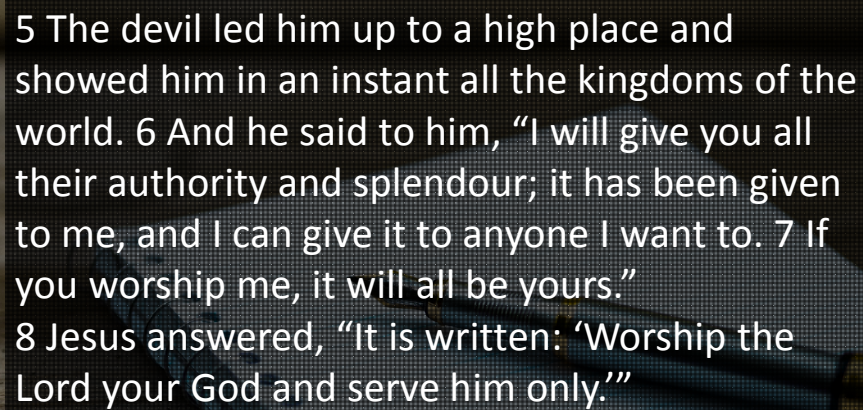
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## Luke 4:1-13

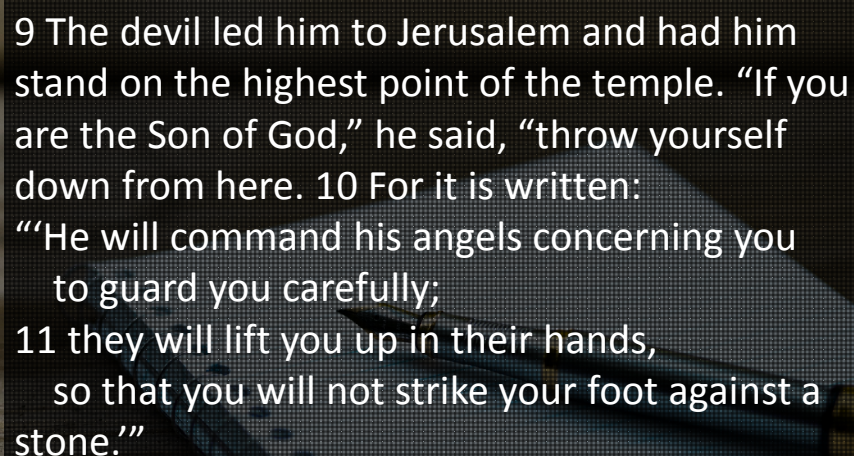
1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,  
2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.  
3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."  
4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

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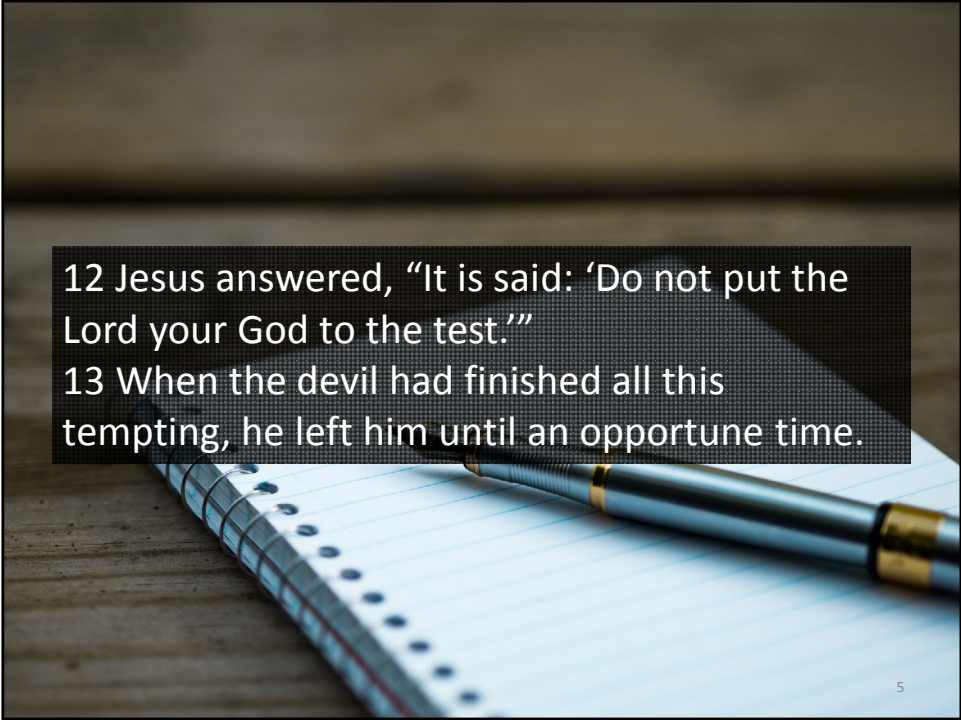
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9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. 10 For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; 11 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

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12 Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"  
13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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## quotes about temptation

- "I can resist anything except temptation!"
- "The crow may be caged, but his thoughts are in the cornfield"
- "There is a charm about the forbidden that makes it unspeakably desirable"
- "Temptations come, as a general rule, when they are being looked for."
- "The greatest trick he ever played was to make the world believe he didn't exist."

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## Scripturally speaking...

- Was Jesus, the God-man, capable of giving in to temptation?
- Thinking in timelines, what is the first recorded temptation?
- Why is Jesus referred to as “the second Adam”?

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## Outside of Luke 4:1-13...

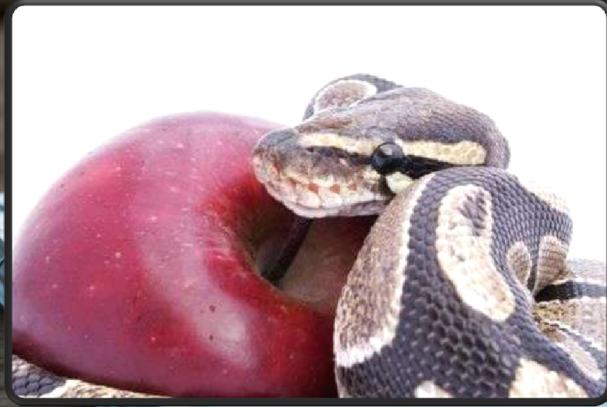
- a) Temptation came to Jesus after an act of amazing obedience.
- b) Was He only tempted on this one occasion?
- c) Having resisted effectively, He was further filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.
- d) He was utterly rejected by those who ought to have loved him most.

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- e) His teaching had new authority and was supported by signs and wonders, amazing healings and the removals of impure spirits.
- f) These demonic spirits were cowed by Him – they recognised Him as the Holy One of God. Was it partly because they knew He could defeat temptation?
- g) He was burning with zeal to teach the whole of Israel – He would not stay long in any one place.

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## 5 'popular' temptations



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## Temptation to give in to worry and anxiety



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## Temptation to over-eat



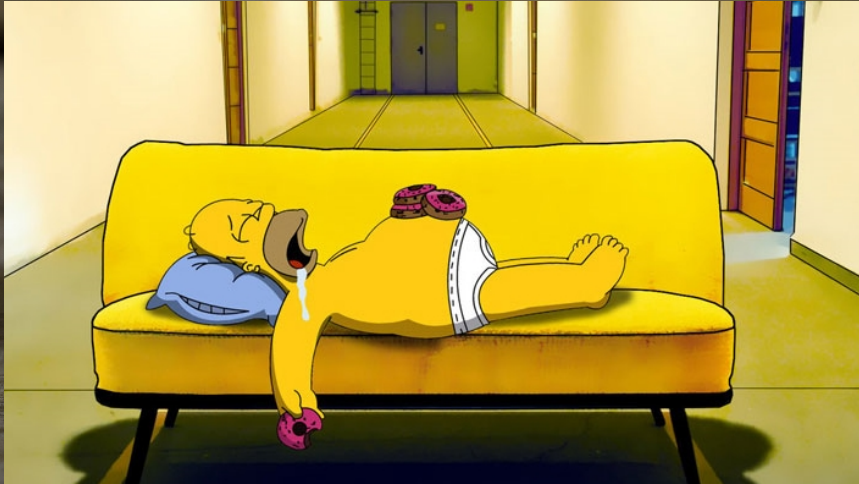
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## Temptation to over-use social media



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## Temptation to give in to laziness



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## Temptation to procrastinate

I'm very busy doing things I don't need to do in order to avoid doing anything I'm actually supposed to be doing.



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**“Since You are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.”**

Stones resembled loaves - No harm, it's ok.  
Jesus was supposed to be fasting, not taking short cuts through His Divine power.  
The tempter distorts Scripture to make the temptation respectable.  
*(The sin of Israel in the desert was refusal to believe that God could provide food)*  
Resisting temptation is strengthened by using Scripture correctly  
*“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word from the mouth of God.” (DEUT 8, 3)*

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## Luke 4:5-8

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"If you will only agree to worship me, I will give you all the kingdoms of the world."

Jesus knew why He had been sent to the world.

Was this maybe an easier way than going to the Cross?

Resisting temptation is strengthened by using Scripture correctly

It is written (in the Shema, God's word to the Israelites, DEUT 6, 13)

"Worship the LORD your God, and serve only Him"

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## Luke 4:9-13

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## Scriptures to strengthen us

### 1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

### James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

**Hebrews 2:18**

For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

**James 1:14**

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

**James 4:17**

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

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**1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Hebrews 4:15**

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

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**1 Peter 5:8-11**

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

**Psalms 119:11**

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

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**Romans 12:2**

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Romans 12:21**

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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**James 1:13-14**

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and He Himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

**Hebrews 12:1**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

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**Philippians 4:8**

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

**James 1:2-4**

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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**Romans 13:13-14**

Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**1 Corinthians 10:9-22**

We must not put Christ to the test; let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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**Ephesians 6:11**

Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

**Galatians 6:1**

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

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Praise to the holiest in the height,  
 And in the depth be praise;  
 In all His words most wonderful,  
 Most sure in all His ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!  
 When all was sin and shame,  
 A second Adam to the fight  
 And to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
 Which did in Adam fail,  
 Should strive afresh against the foe,  
 Should strive and should prevail;

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And that a higher gift than grace  
 Should flesh and blood refine,  
 God's presence and His very self,  
 And essence all-divine.

O generous love! that He, who smote  
 In Man for man the foe,  
 The double agony in Man  
 For man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,  
 And on the cross on high,  
 Should teach His brethren, and inspire  
 To suffer and to die.

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**Jude 1:24-25**

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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