**Wednesday Night Bible Study**

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**The Gospel of Luke**

**Luke** **4:1-13**

The Temptation of Jesus Christ

**Luke 4:1**

 1 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

* “led by the Spirit into the wilderness”
1. Jesus being led into the wilderness by the Spirit of God is not an indication that God is the agent of temptation—**James 1:13**

 “Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted by God’; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.”

1. Jesus Christ is worthy to become our Savior because He endured temptation—**Hebrews 4:15**

 “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

* Jesus was tempted “in all points”
* The lust of the flesh—**verses 3-4**
* The lust of the eyes—**verse 5-6**
* The pride of life—**verses 9-11**

Why was this manner of temptation necessary?

* Jesus was reversing what took placed in the Garden of Eden

**Genesis 3:4-6**

 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

 5 "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

 6 So when the **woman saw that the tree was good for food**, that it was **pleasant to the eyes**, and a tree desirable **to make one wise**, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

**Luke 4:2**

 2 being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was **hungry.**

* Jesus was “tempted for **forty days** by the devil” Why?
1. Moses was without food and water on Mount Sinai for 40 days and nights—**Deuteronomy 9:9**

 "When I went up into the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water”

1. Elijah journeyed without food or drink for 40 days and nights—**1 King 19:8**

 “So he arose, and ate and drank; **and he went in the strength** of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.”

1st Temptation of Christ

**Luke 4:3**

 3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

* “And the devil said to Him” –Ways in which Satan speaks:
1. **He Blinds the Minds of Unbelievers**—**2 Corinthians 4:3-4**

 “3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”

1. **He Slanders the Saints of God**—**Job 1:9-11**

 “9 So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing?

 10 "Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

 11 "**But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"**

1. **He Inflicts Diseases—Job 2:7**

 “So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.”

1. **He Removes the Good Seed of the Word**—**Matthew 13:19**

 "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.”

1. **He Sows Tares Among the Righteous—Matthew 13:36-38**

 36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."

 37 He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

 38 The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.”

1. **He Prompts Men and Women to Sin—John 13:2**

 “And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him”

* "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." **(Verse3)**
1. This is the Lust of the flesh
* Satan had been watching Jesus [being in a human body] go without food for 40 days
* Satan tempted Jesus according to His greatest need
* Satan questions the provision of God—does God care about your human needs?
* Satan tempted Jesus to use His divine power to provide for His own human needs

**Luke 4:4**

 4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"

* Jesus said "It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"
1. Jesus uses the Word of God to fight against temptation

* Jesus quotes **Deuteronomy 8:3**

 "So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.”

* Jesus allowed Israel to become hungry so that He might feed them with manna from God
* This provision was teaching them to trust God for all their human needs