

Luke 4:1-13 (April 23, 2023)
“The Temptation of Jesus”

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ Luke 4:1-13

1. Share what you think is significant from Luke 3:21-22 regarding Jesus' time in the desert.

2. Compare Adam & Eve's circumstances and response to temptation with those of Jesus (Genesis 2:8-9, 15-18, 22; 3:1-7).

3. The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil for 40 days and Israel was tested by the Lord in the wilderness for 40 years (Deuteronomy 8:2,15). Discuss the devil's motivation in tempting versus the Lord's motivation in testing.

4. What is the common strategy used by the devil in two of the temptations (Luke 4:3 & 9) that might be especially challenging for Jesus?

Have you ever experienced your credibility being challenged?

Have you ever doubted God's love and care?

5. The devil promised Jesus would be given authority over all the kingdoms and glory if He would worship him (Luke 4:5-7). Why would this be such a powerful temptation (Phil. 2:8-11)? What do you appreciate about Jesus' resistance to the devil and commitment to the Father?

6. Review the devil's tactic of quoting scripture in Luke 4:10-11 and Jesus' response using scripture to each of the temptations.

What do you learn about the use of scripture?

How will you be better prepared to face temptations to subvert your walk with God?