

Sermon Guide

Luke 4:1-15



▶ Luke 4:1-15 details the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. When was the last time you were tempted? What was your response? What was the outcome?

Read [Luke 4:1-15](#) and [Genesis 3:1-15](#)

1. Compare the first temptation of man in the Garden of Eden with the temptation of Jesus—the environment, Satan’s tactics, and the responses of the tempted. What similarities do you notice? What differences do you see?

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2. In each temptation, what was its appeal? Its price? How does Jesus resist them?
3. How does Satan’s use of Scripture differ from the way Jesus uses it?
4. Why do you think God allowed the Spirit to lead Jesus into the wilderness (v.1), knowing that he would be tempted? Why didn’t God shield him from temptation? Why does God allow us to be tempted (see James 1:2-4)?

GROW



▶ If the devil had three shots at you, what three temptations would he use? What can help you resist? What encouragement does this story provide?

▶ What safeguards can you put in place today to help guard against temptation (ex: memorizing Scripture, having an accountability partner, etc.)?

GLORIFY

- Take a moment to read and reflect on the following prayer or use it as a prompt to pray as a group. “Lord, help us to resist the seducing power of temptation. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Show us the way of escape when we are tempted, and give us the strength to choose that way. And when we falter and fail, grant us grace to flee to you for mercy and restoration. Jesus, we know that you have already won the victory for us on the cross. Through You and the power of the Holy Spirit, may we also have victory over sin. In Jesus Name, Amen.”