

## FINAL STUDY NOTES - *LUKE CHAPTER 4* 1-27/28-2025

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### OPENING PRAYER

***LUKE – Chapter 4 – Satan Tempts Jesus – (vs. 1-13); Jesus Begins His Galilean Ministry – (vs. 14-15); Jesus Rejected at Nazareth – (v. 16-30); Jesus Casts Out an Unclean Spirit – (vs. 31-37); Peter’s Mother-in Law Healed – (vs. 38-39); Many Healed After Sabbath Sunset – (vs. 40-41); Jesus Preaches in Galilee – (vs. 42-44).***

- The last event in the life of Christ that Luke records in the third chapter is His baptism by John in the Jordan river. (*Luk 3:21,22*). As Jesus came up out of the water, the *Holy Spirit descended in bodily form of a dove*. So, Jesus’ baptism by John and the coming upon Him of the Holy Spirit. Now

in chapter four, begins to take up the story again of Jesus' ministry. The first thing is the temptation of Jesus.

**The Temptation of Jesus – Physical needs – vs. 1-4; Glory and Dominion – vs. 5-8; Diversion of Mission vs. 9-13. In Three Gospels; *Luke 4:1-13; Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13.***

***Luk 4:1 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,***

- ***Then Jesus being filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descended*** and came upon Him. Luke describes Him as being full of the Holy Spirit. This is a term that is used in the Book of Acts, concerning the disciples. *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.* There are different occasions in Acts where we are told they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Paul in writing to the Ephesians told them (***Eph 5:18***) *And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,* Here is Jesus, who is our example that we should follow in His steps and if He was filled with the Holy Spirit, then you know that it is God's will and God's purpose that your life be filled with the Holy Spirit! One of the greatest needs in the church today is a renewing in the Holy Spirit!
- ***Returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,*** Again our example. It is God's desire and will that we be led by the Spirit. We are told in (***Rom 8:14***) *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. That our lives are to be controlled, filled, led by the Holy Spirit. Jesus is our example in these things. "Led by the Holy Spirit,"*

***Luk 4:2 being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.***

- (***Heb 2:18; 4:15***) *For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted. [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.*
- ***Tempted for forty days...He ate nothing.*** What digestion is to the body, mediation is to the soul. Jesus spend forty days in meditation.
- ***We read that Moses fasted for forty days as did Elijah.*** Now, Jesus is spending forty days without food, fasting for forty days. Afterwards, it says, He was hungry. I have been told that once you have gone into a fasting; of course, you have to have water, the body moisture, you've got to take water, but they say that after five days, you lose your appetite. When the appetite returns, when you get hungry again, it is an indication that you are now entered into that phase of starving to death. It is very important that once the hunger returns that you break the fast and begin to eat; or else you will starve to death. *And in those days He ate nothing.* Afterwards, He was hungry. That starvation process had begun.

***Luk 4:3 And the devil said to Him, "If (since, indeed) You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."***

- (***Deu 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.*
- ***Satan is not really questioning, "If" in a subjunctive case, since You are the Son of God,*** not indicative "If?" But "You are the Son of God." There is an affirmation here, that Jesus is a Son of God! Further down in the chapter as Jesus is in the synagogue in Capernaum, ***since*** the man with a demon spirit cries out, (***Luk 4:34***) *saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"* At the end of the chapter we find that Jesus was casting the evil spirits out of many people and would not allow them to speak because they knew that He was the Messiah. Satan is not really questioning, but it is more of a declaration, "*Since You are the Son of God!*"
- ***Command this stone to become bread. In other words, let the Spirit serve the flesh. Let the fleshly needs reign and rule in your life over the spiritual.*** Let it become subservient to the physical. This is a problem that we all have to deal with. There is a warfare that goes on in our lives. (***Gal 5:17***) *For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.* They are vying for dominance, for control over your life. All of our lives are either being ruled and governed by the flesh or governed by the Spirit. If your life

is governed by the flesh, if the fleshly body needs rule in your life, then according to Jesus, you are living like the world, who all they think about is what we're going to eat, what we're going to drink, what we're going to wear. **(Luk 12:30)** *For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things.*

- **Jesus taught us the superiority of the Spirit over the flesh.** **(Mat 6:33)** *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.* God will take care of the physical things. Let the Spirit be uppermost and the other will be taken care of. It is God's order that the Spirit rules. If your flesh is ruling, then your mind is constantly occupied with the fleshly desires. The things that you are thinking about are things that relate and pertain to your flesh, food, drink and pleasure. These are the things that dominate your consciousness, your mind. The Bible tells us **(Rom 8:6-7)** *For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. [7] Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.*
- **What a contrast between the flesh and the Spirit.** Each of us are controlled either by the flesh or by the Spirit and the result is we have the mind of the flesh which is always on fleshly things which is death; or the mind of the Spirit which is life, peace, and joy!
- **Jesus our example, now being tempted by Satan, to let the fleshly desires rule over the Spirit.** Let the Spirit be subservient to the flesh. Use the spiritual powers to minister to Your fleshly needs. *Command this stone to become bread! Jesus could have changed those stones into bread.* I'm certain that He had that capacity and power. So, use your Spirit power to minister to your flesh.

**Luk 4:4** *But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written" (quoting the Word of God), 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD OF GOD.'*

- **Quoting (Deu 8:3c)** *Man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.* It isn't the physical life that is paramount but every word of God, that is what is important! Jesus had the **power to do anything**, but the **authority to do only** that which the Father had willed! There is nothing secular before the throne of God. He wants to be involved in everything in your life. He does not want to be first on a list of ten! He want to be first on a list of One!
- **Being filled with the Holy Spirit and having a working knowledge of the Scriptures were the two characteristics** of Jesus' life in overcoming these temptations. Just to think that \_ should be characteristics in every believer's life! We, as believers have each been given what is needed to overcome temptations!
- **Jesus responds to each of these temptations with the word of God!** It is important, especially for the two or three particular temptations in our life that make us most vulnerable, to find verses in the Bible relating to that. We should memorize them, being able to speak them into any temptation that the devil brings against us!
- **For example, if you have a temptation with lust of the flesh, consider (1Co 6:19-20)** *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? [20] For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*
- **How well have I done that?**

**Luk 4:5** *Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.*

- **Because you're dealing with supernatural beings, Satan and Jesus, this was very possible.** He could "show to Him all of the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time." In that world, there were the powers of Egypt, the powers of Rome, and the major cities of the Middle East, he showed all of them to Him.

**Luk 4:6** *And the devil said to Him, "All this authority (glory and dominion) I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.*

- **Satan is bragging that he is in control of this world system, saying** that it belongs to me, and I can give it to whomever I will. This is a startling statement, astonishing in its implication! In Revelation, chapter thirteen, when the antichrist comes on the scene, the beast, that Satan gives to him his throne and his power. The antichrist is given the power of Satan over the world. Satan says I can give it to whomever I please, which means that Satan is still in control.

- **Jesus came to redeem the world back to God, to pay the price of redemption.** Satan is saying this was delivered to me. Who delivered it to him? Adam delivered it to him! God had given to Adam dominion over the earth. God said I have given it to you. But Adam delivered it over to Satan in his submitting to the temptation, to the will of Satan! (**Rom 6:16**) *Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?* In obeying Satan's suggestion, he was disobeying God and that world, which God had given to man to enjoy, to take care of, was delivered to Satan. Now Satan is saying to Jesus, Look, it's mine, it's been delivered to me and I can give it to whomever I will. I have that capacity. Jesus did not challenge these statements of Satan. He accepted that.
- **In (Joh 14:30) I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.** In the book of Daniel, you have a little insight of the power of Satan in the kingdoms of the world. The prince of Persia hindered the angel who was dispatched to Daniel with a message from God until Michael came and delivered him. In Ezekiel as he addresses the king of Tyre, it goes on into the power behind the throne and it is an address unto Satan, the anointed cherub, so that there is a relationship between the governing powers of the world and the prince of darkness, Satan.
- **Satan is declaring here that I am in control of these powers that govern the earth.** It's a well-known fact that Hitler had as his counsellors, his guides, men who were involved in the occult, the powers of darkness. He was guided and directed by them.
- **In this temptation, what Satan is actually suggesting to Jesus is that the purposes of God can be accomplished apart, another way, a short-cut from the ways and the plan of God.** Now it was God's plan to reveal His love for man by the redemption involved the cross and His Son coming and taking our sin and dying on the cross for us and thus redeeming man to God. (**1Pe 1:18-19**) *knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, [19] but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.* That was God's purpose, the cross is a part of the purpose of God.
- **As Peter talked to them about the cross in his sermon in (Act 2:23) Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death.** That was the determined counsel of God. The plan of God. Now Satan is saying, Look, you don't have to take God's way. You can have immediate fulfillment through compromise.

**Luk 4:7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."**

- **That way you don't have to go to the cross. You don't have to take God's way.** How Satan comes to us. Jesus, it says, (**Heb 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.* And that temptation to try to shortcut and to find fulfillment apart from the cross. Jesus said (**Mat 16:25**) *For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. It is necessary for us to come to that cross in our own lives where we reckon our old life governed by the flesh to be dead that we might now live a new life after the Spirit! You cannot have real fulfillment apart from **the cross!***
- **But Satan is offering all of these substitutes.** He's saying, "Look you can have immediate fulfillment now! It's in this little relationship over here. Or it's in the bottle over here. Or it's in this or it's in that. People are deceived by Satan and are being succumbed to the temptation of trying to find immediate gratification and fulfillment without the cross. Without denying self. And people are being destroyed!

**Luk 4:8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND HIM ONLY YOU SHALL SERVE.'"**

- **Satan has always sought worship.** Whatever we worship we will serve. We become like the gods we worship. That is why we need to worship Christ! Man's greatest problem today is how to push aside every other allegiance but the eternal one.
- **Here in (Deu 6:13) Moses warned the people about their attitude** when they finally were to come into the land and achieve some glory and dominion. When we are prosperous, it is when we are in real danger! The temptation for them would be to raise themselves and to forget to worship God!
- **Notice Jesus said, "Get behind Me, Satan."** We find Him saying that one other time and that is when He had revealed to His disciples after they had recognized "*You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God,*" and Jesus began to share with them how He was going to be turned over to the Gentiles, He was going to be crucified and slain. And Peter said, (**Mat 16:22-23**) *Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" [23] But*

He turned and said to Peter, **"Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."** The suggestion that we try to evade the cross is a Satanic suggestion. Satan is saying to Jesus, no cross! Take a shortcut! It is not necessary for fulfillment.

- Notice, Satan said just bow down and worship me, but Jesus acknowledged that in worshipping, it involved serving. You cannot really worship without serving. So, Jesus in His answer said, *"You shall worship the Lord your God,"* and He finished it, *"and Him only you shall serve! Worship involves serving!"*

**Luk 4:9 Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If (since) You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here.**

**Luk 4:10 For it is written: 'HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE OVER YOU, TO KEEP YOU,'** (Satan misquoted, excluding, *"in all your ways"*)

**Luk 4:11 and, 'IN THEIR HANDS THEY SHALL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU DASH YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.' "**

- Jesus has been saying, *It is written*, and He's been quoting the scripture. Satan comes back to Him now with scripture but scripture out of context of the whole message. Satan is a master of quoting scripture out of context!
- In (Psa 91:11-12) *For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways* (Satan misquoted Scripture, by omitting this, creating doubt in God's word!). [12] *In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.* God's promise of protection for His people. And yet Satan is saying, Do something that is spectacular, draw attention with the sensational.
- Imagine what people will think when you jump off of here some 450 feet to the bottom there and you're not hurt. Think of the attention, it'll give you immediate attention! A crowd will gather! Your fame will spread!

**Luk 4:12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'YOU SHALL NOT TEMPT THE LORD YOUR GOD.' "**

- Jesus answered, again in the scripture, once more quoting from (Deu 6:16), said to him, *You shall not tempt the Lord your God!* That is, you are not to put yourself in deliberate jeopardy to prove the scriptures! You're not to test God! It isn't something that you go out and test things. The ministry is not to draw people by spectacularism. That is a temptation that many people succumb to today. They try to attract to the ministry through sensationalism, through spectacularism. Jesus rejected that temptation!
- **Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, responds to each of these temptations with the Word of God! Notice these are the two things that every believer can have and use as well!**
  - ✓ **Think of the two or three most vulnerable temptations in your life!**
  - ✓ **Find verses in the Bible to respond to those temptations.**
  - ✓ **Memorize them and be able to speak them into any temptation that the devil brings against you! How well have I done that?**

**Luk 4:13 Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.**

- In Jesus' three temptations, Satan questioned: 1) The Father's love; 2) Jesus' hope; 3) The Father's faithfulness! Jesus resisted completely, being filled with the Holy Spirit and responding with the Word of God!
- **We have at our disposal the same spiritual resources that Jesus did:**
  - ✓ **Prayer;**
  - ✓ **The Father's love;**
  - ✓ **The power of the Spirit;**
  - ✓ **The Word of God!**
  - ✓ **Turning to our Eternal High Priest, who always makes intercession for us!**
- Notice, Satan will come back but he is gone for the present.

**Jesus Begins His Ministry**

***Luk 4:14 Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.***

- ***Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee.*** We have just seen the power of the Spirit manifested! Notice that in each of the temptations Jesus answered with quotations out of the book of Deuteronomy. It seems that that was one of His favorite Old Testament books. David said (***Psa 119:11***) *Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You*. The greatest power that we have in the time of temptation is the word of God. David said, (***Psa 1:1***) *Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; [2] But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night*. He's referring to the Pentateuch, the first five books. In Deuteronomy, Jesus evidently delighted in the law of the Lord and in this law He meditates day and night.
- ***Jesus used the Word, The Bible, to respond to and answer the temptation.*** Much of the weakness of the Christian church today is because of the lack of the word of God in the hearts of the people. There are a lot of people that are going for sensationalism. But there isn't real depth and they are not equipped to handle the temptations of Satan. They may boast of all kinds of exciting experiences. I see fingers up and down their spines but they lack real depth and power against temptation because they don't have the strong foundation in the word.
- ***Jesus now returned in the power of the Spirit. Filled with the Spirit, led by the Spirit, now empowered by the Spirit.*** Again, as our example. We should be filled, we should be led and we should be empowered. Jesus said, (***Act 1:8***) *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.* " You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.
- ***News of Him went out through all surrounding region.*** Josephus tells us that at this time, there were many cities in the Galilee, which means that there was a large population in the Galilee region where Jesus was ministering at this time. Coming to the area of the Galilee, His fame went throughout all the region.

***Luk 4:15 And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.***

- ***Jesus was going around to the synagogues.*** In every city where there were ten Jewish families, they had a synagogue. Ten Jewish families or more, they would build a synagogue. So, Jesus would go to the synagogues in order to teach.

**Jesus Fulfilling Isaiah Prophecy, in part, His First Coming, Brilliantly and Exciting!**

***Luk 4:16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.***

- ***He came back to His hometown and as his custom was.*** Notice as Jesus grew up in Nazareth, He no doubt attended synagogue every Saturday. It was just His custom to go to the synagogue on the Sabbath day. And when the time came for the reading of the scriptures, He *stood up to read!*

***Luk 4:17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:***

***Luk 4:18 "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR; HE HAS SENT ME TO HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED, TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET AT LIBERTY THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED;***

***Luk 4:19 TO PROCLAIM THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."***

- ***Quoting now (Isa 49:8-9; 61:1-2)*** He was filled with the Spirit. He was led by the Spirit. He was empowered by the Spirit! So, as He begins to read Isaiah, He reads, "***THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME.***" ***BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR...***
- ***It is crucial to have the anointing of the Holy Spirit in the preaching of the word!*** To try to preach without the anointing of the Spirit is laborious. There have been times when I thought, I would be better off and the people would be better off if I would just close the Bible and go home. But when it's flowing it's glorious! It just is wonderful when there is that anointing of the Spirit in the preaching of the word. There is then power! There is that dynamic, life-changing force that is going forth.

- **It is impossible to minister without the empowering and the anointing of the Holy Spirit.** Those who try may produce perspiration, but never any inspiration! When you don't have inspiration, it takes perspiration to try to really do it.

**Luk 4:20** *Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.*

- **Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down.** You would think that He is through. No, when He sits down is the sign that He's going to begin to teach. In those days, the teachers sat and the pupils stood. And it kept them from going to sleep in the class. His sitting down was an indication that He was going to begin to teach. That is why *all of the eyes were fixed on Him*.
- **As we read the prophecy in (Isa 61:1-2)** "*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; [2] To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,* we find that He closed the scroll without reading the whole paragraph. It was as though He stopped in the middle of the paragraph. He stopped at the place of, "*To declare the day of the vengeance of our God,*" because in His First Coming, He came to offer Himself to them as their Messiah, as the One who would heal, mend the brokenhearted, open the eyes of the blind.
- **When He comes again, it will be to reign but it will also be in judgment first.** The judgment will precede His reign. **That will be the day of vengeance of our God** and the rest of the prophecy there in Isaiah. But here He stopped at what would be His ministry in His first coming.
- **Am I, are you, really clear why Jesus stopped at the comma in (Isa 61:2), thereby clearly indicating that there would be two of His comings and that this was His first coming?** Even to this day the Jews do not yet believe that Jesus is the Messiah and has already come the first time!
- **Later on, when John the Baptist was placed in prison and Jesus was not fulfilling John's ideas** concerning the Messiah and the common Jewish thought concerning the Messiah—Jesus was not overthrowing the Roman government, He wasn't creating a revolution—and John sent his disciples to Jesus to ask the question, "Are you the One we are looking for, or shall we start looking for someone else?" More or less saying let's get the show on the road. Let's get the revolution going. Let's get the kingdom set up.
- **Jesus did not directly answer the disciples of John but in that same hour, He healed many that came to Him.** He opened the eyes of the blind and did a lot of miracles! He said, "Go back and just tell John what you've seen. The blind are seeing, the lame are walking, and to the poor the Gospel is being preached" (Mat 11:3-5). In other words, He's fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah the things that the Messiah would do. When the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him, anointing Him to preach the Gospel to the poor and the opening of the eyes of the blind and so forth.

**Luk 4:21** *And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."*

- **That is a claim to the people in His hometown, I am the Messiah.** This scripture today is being fulfilled. It is a very strong claim, right at the onset of the ministry of Jesus. The beginning of His ministry, the claim that He was the Messiah in declaring to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing!"

**Luk 4:22** *So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"*

- **The first response was that of wonderment and awe** because we know Him. Isn't this Joseph's son? This wonderful thing, isn't this Joseph's son? But their awe and wonder soon changed.

**Luk 4:23** *He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.'"*

- **We read that the fame of Jesus was spreading all over.** Throughout the region they heard about what Jesus was doing. When He returned to His hometown they said, Isn't this Joseph's son? We know Him here. But they had heard of what had happened in Capernaum. They had heard of the miracles that He was doing there.

**Luk 4:24** *Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country."*

- He is trying to show them that they, His own people, were apt to miss a great blessing because they would not accept who He was. (*Mat 13:57b*) "*A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.*"

***Luk 4:25 But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land;***

- Jesus is going to really upset them because the Jews were very nationalistic. They still are to the present time. They talk against anti-Semitism but there is just so much racial prejudice among the Jews for any other race. In fact, in the days of the Bible the Jews thought that the Gentiles were only created by God as fodder for hell. They thought that a Gentile cannot be saved. And today they still maintain that strong nationalistic kind of spirit.
- **Heard of a Jewish boy who recently called his mother and said, Mother I found the girl of my dreams.** We're engaged, we're going to get married. And the mother said, "What's her name, son? It's Ruby Jones. Jones? Protestant name, son, you can't marry a protestant. You're a Jew. You've got to break that off." So, a few weeks later he called and says, "Mama, I found the girl, I'm going to get married." And the mother said, "Well, what's her name, son?" He said, "Well, Mom, it's McCartney." "Irish Catholic, son, you can't marry a Catholic, you're a Jew." So just a few days later he said, "Mom I found her, this is it, we're getting married right away." "What's her name, son?" "Goldberg." "Oh fine, son, that's fine. What's her first name?" "Whoopi!"

***Luk 4:26 but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.***

- Elijah was sent to this widow in Sidon, not to a Jewish widow though there were many in Israel during the time of Elijah's days when there was that great drought.

***Luk 4:27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.***

***Luk 4:28 So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,***

- He is suggesting that God favored the Gentiles over the Jews. The healing of Naaman, the provisions for a Gentile widow in the days of Elijah. And they were angry, *filled with wrath!*

### **Jesus Rejected at Nazareth**

***Luk 4:29 and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff.***

***Luk 4:30 Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.***

- Outside the city of Nazareth is a very steep cliff. They call it the Precipice, an extremely steep cliff and no doubt the place where they led Jesus to throw Him over this cliff. But He obviously and evidently just sort of disappeared, passed through them and thus escaped their wrath and their anger.

### **Jesus Heals a Man with an Unclean Demon**

***Luk 4:31 Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths.***

- Jesus spent most of the time of His ministry in and around Capernaum. It was sort of His Galilee headquarters.
- **He was teaching them on the Sabbaths.** Again, going into the synagogue on the Sabbath days and teaching them.

***Luk 4:32 And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.***

- The teachers usually would say, Now Rabbi says this and it is said by others, but they would never speak with authority. They would only be quoting what others had said. But Jesus said, I say unto you. He spoke *with authority* and that amazed them. No one taught like that. No one dared to speak with authority. They were amazed at the teaching of Jesus because He taught with authority.

***Luk 4:33 Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice,***



***Luk 4:34 saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"***

- **Satan recognized who Jesus was.** This unclean devil in this man cried, *I know who You are! You are the Holy One of God.* Notice, he was crying, **Let us alone!** That is a cry of hell. *Let us alone.* How many people when you go to witness to them say, *Let us alone.* I don't want to hear it, *let us alone.* That has not changed in 2,000 years. Satan is still crying, "*Let us alone.*"

***Luk 4:35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him.***

***Luk 4:36 Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out."***

- **They had all kinds of exorcisms and all kinds of rituals for exorcisms.** They would go through all of these incantations and these dances and beating drums and holding rings under their noses and they had all kinds of exorcism rituals. Jesus just commands them and they come out! What kind of word and power is this? He's not going through a lot of ritualistic kind of things but He's just speaking the word of power and there is obedience.

***Luk 4:37 And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.***

- **The news was spreading concerning Jesus into every place in the surrounding region.**

### **Jesus Heals Many**

***Luk 4:38 Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her.***

- **Here Luke is describing this in a couple of medical terms** (*megas puretos* – great fever) in the Greek language. This great fever is describing a special kind of a fever and he is using medical terms for it. And it was Peter's mother-in-law and they were begging Jesus to help her

***Luk 4:39 So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.***

- **The power of Jesus in healing. The power of the Spirit upon Him.** The anointing of the Spirit.

***Luk 4:40 When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.***

- **After the sun was setting, multitudes brought the sick to Him.** He took time for everyone. He laid His hand on all of them and healed them.

***Luk 4:41 And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.***

- **Jesus did not want Satan advertising Him.** Just as Paul when he was on his missionary journey in Philippi, (*Act 16:17-18*) *This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." [18] And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.* This woman had been used as a fortune teller and those who had control of her were angry because she had lost her divining powers when Paul delivered her from this demonic spirit. But he didn't want the devil doing the advertising for him.
- **Jesus would not allow them. He did not want a premature attempt of the people to set Him up.** They were ready to rebel against Rome. They were looking for the Messiah. They were looking for someone to deliver them from the powers of Rome. And He did not want a premature attempt of the people to rebel against the Roman authority. It was not yet the hour! He came to redeem the world but not as they thought, to redeem it by giving His life.
- **He will come again to establish the kingdom of God upon the earth.** But this coming was to give Himself. Thus, He would not allow the demons to speak because they knew He was the Messiah.

### **Jesus Preaches in Synagogues**

*Luk 4:42 Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them;*

- They were begging Jesus to come on back. Stay here!

*Luk 4:43 but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."*

- To preach, to proclaim the kingdom of God was Jesus' great work! His healing the diseases of the people was only an emblematical and secondary work, a work that was to be the proof of his goodness, and the demonstration of His authority to preach the Gospel, and open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

*Luk 4:44 And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.*

- So, the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus around the Galilee area. He was filled with the Spirit, led by the Spirit, empowered by the Spirit, anointed by the Spirit,! He began His ministry.
- Now if Jesus ministered through the power and the anointing of the Spirit, being the Son of God, dependent upon the Holy Spirit for the power and the anointing for the ministry, how could we ever think that we are that we could successfully minister apart from the power and the anointing of the Holy Spirit to have any kind of an effective ministry?
- **We need the power of the Holy Spirit to stand against temptation and to be effective in our ministry. Let us wait upon God! Let us seek the Lord! Let us ask the Lord that we might receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon our lives to make us more effective in our witness for Jesus Christ!**
- Jesus said, (Act 1:8) *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

## SUMMARY

- **Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, responds to each of these temptations with the Word of God! Notice these are the two things that every believer can have and use as well!**
  - ✓ **Think of the two or three most vulnerable temptations in your life!**
  - ✓ **Find verses in the Bible to respond to those temptations.**
  - ✓ **Memorize them and be able to speak them into any temptation that the devil brings against you! How well have I done that? (Luk 4:12)**
- **We have at our disposal the same spiritual resources that Jesus did:**
  - ✓ **Prayer;**
  - ✓ **The Father's love;**
  - ✓ **The power of the Spirit;**
  - ✓ **The Word of God!**
  - ✓ **Turning to our Eternal High Priest, who always makes intercession for us! (Luk 4:13)**
- **Am I, are you, really clear why Jesus stopped at the comma in (Isa 61:2), thereby clearly indicating that there would be two of His comings and that this was His first coming?** Even to this day the Jews do not yet believe that Jesus is the Messiah and has already come the first time! (Luk 4:20)
- **We need the power of the Holy Spirit to stand against temptation and to be effective in our ministry. Let us wait upon God! Let us seek the Lord! Let us ask the Lord that we might receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon our lives to make us more effective in our witness for Jesus Christ! (Luk 4:44)**

*CLOSING SONG – (Luk 4:13) Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.*

**YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATION** - Horatio Palmer (2:47/2:50)

*I Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin; Each victory will help you some other to win;  
Fight manfully onward, dark passions subdue; Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.*

*Refrain:*

*Ask the Savior to help you, Comfort, strengthen, and keep you; He is willing to aid you,  
He will carry you through.*

*2 Shun evil companions, bad language disdain, God's name hold in reverence, nor take it in vain;  
Be thoughtful and earnest, kindhearted and true; Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through. (Refrain)*

*3 To him that overcometh, God giveth a crown, Through faith we will conquer, though often cast down;  
He who is our Savior, our strength will renew; Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through. (Refrain)*

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

**NEXT WEEK:** Read and study ***Luke Chapter 5!***