

## His Flawless Character

We begin a new sub-series in our study of the Gospel of Luke today called “Jesus, The Dynamic Leader.” Jesus was the most charismatic leader ever, in large part because His character was flawless. No one could legitimately accuse Him of sin. Even His adversaries would say later, “We find no fault in Him.” By studying Luke 4:1-13, let’s learn from His experience, then discuss how we can give Him control of our lives and allow Him to lead us to spiritual victory.

### Luke 4:1-13

Luke 4:1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, 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 does not live on bread alone.’” 5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 So if you worship me, it will all be yours.” 8 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” 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.’” 12 Jesus answered, “It says: ‘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.

### I. The Attack of Satan

A. You might think that Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ from temptation.  
Phil. 2: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

B. Satan attacks \_\_\_\_\_, even (especially) the most \_\_\_\_\_.

Gal. 6:1 Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.

1Cor. 10:12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!

C. While Satan came to Jesus \_\_\_\_\_, he usually comes to us \_\_\_\_\_.

James 1:13 When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

### II. The Victory of Jesus

A. Temptation for \_\_\_\_\_.  
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B. Temptation for \_\_\_\_\_.  
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C. Temptation for \_\_\_\_\_  
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### III. The Lessons for Us

Just as Christ won the victory, we can win the victory over temptation also.

A. Be \_\_\_\_\_ by the victory of Jesus Christ.  
Heb. 2:18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.  
1Cor. 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

B. Understand the devastating \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.  
John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God.  
Psa. 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

D. \_\_\_\_\_ daily for victory.  
Matt. 26:41 “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

E. Know and \_\_\_\_\_ your areas of \_\_\_\_\_.  
1Cor. 10:14 Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.

F. Value \_\_\_\_\_ more than reputation.  
Psa. 25:21 May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in you.

### FINALLY . . .

1. What is one thing you have learned today that will help you defeat temptation this week?

2. What aspect of your character would you like to enhance in 2005?