

Luke 4

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The Temptation of Jesus

¹ And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

² Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

³ And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

⁴ And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

⁵ And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

⁶ And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

⁷ If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

⁸ And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

⁹ And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

¹⁰ For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

¹¹ And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

12 And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

16 And 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 for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.

24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;

26 But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.

27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.

28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

30 But he passing through the midst of them went his way,

Jesus Heals a Man with an Unclean Spirit

31 And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days.

32 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

33 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,

34 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.

35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

37 And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about.

Jesus Heals Many

38 And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her.

39 And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.

40 Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

41 And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

Jesus Preaches in Synagogues

42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not depart from them.

43 And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.

44 And he preached in the synagogues of Galilee.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Angel — ἄγγελος (Angelos)

Angel, messenger

The Greek **angelos** (ἄγγελος) means angel or messenger. Angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-14), ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11), and will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31).

Forgive — ἀφίημι (Aphiemi)

To send away, forgive, release

The Greek **aphiemi** (ἀφίημι) means to send away or release—canceling a debt or dismissing an offense. Jesus taught us to pray 'forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors' (Matthew 6:12).

Glory — δόξα (Doxa)

Glory, majesty, splendor

The Greek **doxa** (δόξα) means glory, splendor, or magnificence—the radiant manifestation of God's perfection. Christ revealed the Father's glory: 'we beheld his glory' (John 1:14).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

Holy — ἅγιος (Hagios)

Holy, sacred, set apart

The Greek **hagios** (ἅγιος) denotes holiness—moral purity and separation unto God. Believers are called 'saints' (hagioi), those set apart for God through Christ's sanctifying work.

Kingdom — βασιλεία (Basileia)

Kingdom, reign

The Greek **basileia** (βασιλεία) means kingdom—both the realm ruled and the exercise of royal authority. The 'kingdom of God' is central to Jesus' teaching, representing God's saving rule breaking into history.

Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

Prophet — προφήτης (Prophētēs)

Prophet

The Greek **prophētēs** (προφήτης) denotes a prophet—one who speaks forth God's message. Jesus was recognized as 'a prophet mighty in deed and word' (Luke 24:19), fulfilling and surpassing the prophetic office.

Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

Truth — ἀλήθεια (Aletheia)

Truth, reality

The Greek **aletheia** (ἀλήθεια) denotes truth or reality—that which corresponds to actuality. Jesus declared, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life' (John 14:6), embodying ultimate reality.

Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

CROSS REFERENCES

Luke 4:1 **Holy:** Acts 10:38. **Spirit:** Luke 4:14; 4:18; Isaiah 61:1; Ezekiel 3:14; Matthew 3:16; John 1:32; 3:34; Acts 8:39. **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 19:4

Luke 4:2 **Parallel theme:** Exodus 34:28; Deuteronomy 9:9; 1 Kings 19:8; John 4:6; Hebrews 2:18; 4:15. **Evil:** Deuteronomy 9:18

Luke 4:3 **Creation:** Matthew 4:3

Luke 4:4

Word: Deuteronomy 8:3; Isaiah 8:20; Matthew 4:4; Ephesians 6:17. **Parallel theme:** Luke 4:10; 22:35; Jeremiah 49:11; Matthew 6:31. **References God:** Exodus 23:25. **References Jesus:** Luke 4:8

Luke 4:5 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 73:19; 1 Corinthians 15:52. **Evil:** Job 20:5; Ephesians 6:12. **Kingdom:** Matthew 4:8

Luke 4:6 **Parallel theme:** John 12:31; 14:30; 2 Corinthians 11:14; Ephesians 2:2; Revelation 13:2; 13:7. **Evil:** John 8:44; 1 John 5:19; Revelation 12:9

Luke 4:7 **Worship:** Isaiah 46:6; Matthew 2:11; Revelation 4:10; 22:8. **Parallel theme:** Luke 8:28; 17:16; Psalms 72:11; Isaiah 45:14; Revelation 5:8

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Luke 4:10 **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 1:14

Luke 4:11 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 91:12

Luke 4:12 **References God:** Deuteronomy 6:16; Malachi 3:15. **References Jesus:** Matthew 4:7. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 95:9; 1 Corinthians 10:9

Luke 4:13 **Parallel theme:** John 14:30; Hebrews 4:15. **Evil:** Matthew 4:11; James 4:7

Luke 4:14 **Parallel theme:** Acts 10:37. **References Jesus:** Matthew 4:12

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Luke 4:16 **Parallel theme:** Luke 2:51; Matthew 2:23; Acts 17:2

Luke 4:17 **Prophecy:** Acts 13:15

Luke 4:18 **Spirit:** Isaiah 61:1; Acts 10:38. **Parallel theme:** Luke 7:22; Isaiah 32:3; 42:7; Matthew 11:5; John 12:46; Acts 26:18; Colossians 1:13; 1 Peter 2:9

Luke 4:19 **References Lord:** Isaiah 61:2. **Parallel theme:** Luke 19:42; Isaiah 63:4

Luke 4:20 **Parallel theme:** Luke 4:17; 5:3; 19:48; Matthew 26:55; John 8:2

Luke 4:21 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 13:14; Acts 3:18. **Word:** John 5:39

Luke 4:22 **Parallel theme:** Luke 21:15; Psalms 45:4; Proverbs 10:32; 16:21; John 6:42; 7:46; Acts 6:10. **Grace:** Psalms 45:2. **Word:** Proverbs 25:11; Isaiah 50:4

Luke 4:24 **Prophecy:** Matthew 13:57; John 4:44

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Parallel theme: Luke 10:21; Isaiah 55:8; Matthew 20:15; James 5:17. **References Israel:** 1 Kings 17:1

Luke 4:26 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 11:21

Luke 4:27 **Parallel theme:** John 17:12

Luke 4:29 **Parallel theme:** Numbers 15:35; Psalms 37:14; John 8:37; 8:40; 8:59; Hebrews 13:12

Luke 4:30 **Parallel theme:** John 8:59; 10:39; Acts 12:18

Luke 4:31 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 4:13

Luke 4:32 **Word:** Luke 4:36; John 6:63; 1 Thessalonians 1:5. **Parallel theme:** Titus 2:15

Luke 4:33 **Spirit:** Mark 1:23

Luke 4:34

Holy: Luke 1:35; Mark 1:24; Acts 3:14; Revelation 3:7. **References Jesus:** Matthew 8:29.

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Luke 4:36 **Word:** Luke 4:32. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 9:33; Mark 7:37; 1 Peter 3:22. **Spirit:** Mark 1:27

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Luke 4:40 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 11:5; 14:13; Mark 3:10; 5:23; Acts 5:15; 19:12

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Luke 4:42 **Parallel theme:** Luke 6:12; John 4:34

Luke 4:43 **Parallel theme:** John 9:4; 2 Timothy 4:2. **References God:** Acts 10:38

Luke 4:44 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 4:23; Mark 1:39