

Luke 4 Study

Punctuation didn't exist in the Greek that Luke was written in, and the chapters didn't exist. So there is this beautiful smooth transition from chapter 3-chapter 4 that says "Adam, the son of God, Jesus full of the Holy Spirit"

Jesus was the last Adam

- Romans 5:12
- 1 Corinthians 15:22.

Because of Adam we all deserve death.

- 1 Corinthians 15:45 – last adam

Adam failed – Jesus succeeded

Wilderness. Most believe this was the west side of the dead sea in the desert.

So there is the inverse here with Jesus as the 2nd Adam in the desert, and the 1st Adam was in the garden.

Fasting – STUDY HANDOUT

Jesus is doing a complete fast for 40 days. Fasting and prayer.

Starving the flesh to feed the soul.

40 days in the wilderness – remember the 40 years in the wilderness in Exodus.

V3 the word "if" is more like "since you are" or "because you are" Satan was not questioning that Jesus was the son of God, he was just testing his ability or strength as the son of God. Christ's deity is the reason Satan tempts him.

Three temptations:

1. Make bread – physical needs

Something he wants and desires. His physical appetite.

Jesus battles with satan through the Word – it is written.

- Deuteronomy 8:3 – the context is manna. God took care of them. Manna was a physical food that required them to trust God spiritually. So its faith they needed to trust God. They could gather it and eat it, but they were not supposed to store it overnight, they had to trust that more would come the next day.
- James 4:7 – resist the devil and he will flee

2. V5 All the Kingdoms

How did Jesus see the kingdoms? Satan must not be limited to the physical here and now like us. He somehow showed him kingdoms beyond these borders, some speculate beyond their time. Or showed him a vision.

Satan claims to have this power. Kingdom, power and Glory.

- The Lord's prayer – Kingdom power and glory.

For it to be a temptation, Satan has to be able to tempt Jesus with something.

Is it possible for Jesus to sin?

Impeccability of Christ

- John 14:30 – prince of this world
- John 16:11 – prince of this world
- 2 Corinthians 4:4 – the god of this world

The Catholics don't use Matthew's Lord's prayer they like Luke because it doesn't include the "kingdom the power and glory" because they like to emphasize that Satan has it right now.

- Most Lord's prayer is a mash of the 2 from the Book of Common Prayer

The NIV & NASB doesn't have that line in the Lord's prayer either, because its not in all of the manuscripts.

Satan wants worship – Isaiah 14:12 – weakens the nations. Sinned in his heart. 5 I will statements.

1. I will ascend
2. I will exalt my throne
3. I will stand
4. I will ascend
5. I will be like the most high

V8 quotes Deuteronomy again

You serve what you worship.

3. V9 throw yourself down.

The word "highest point" or "pinnacle"

Same word in Daniel 9:27 "wing" NIV just says temple, but its this part of the temple that the "appointed one" the antichrist will setup worship of himself – it's the architectural position.

Satan quotes Psalm 91:11-12 But he did twist it. He left out V14 – the protection comes from honoring God

- Jesus quotes Deut 6:16 again

Temptation is not Sin.

Martin Luther: "You cant stop birds from flying over your head, but you can keep them from making a nest in your hair."

James 1:1-13

What satan means for evil God uses for good

Ephesians 6:12

"word for rulers is cosmocrat" some say high-ranking angels. Jesus has more authority.

V22 they were amazed at his gracious words

We see that they were amazed for a moment and then wanted to kill him.

John 12:28-29 – God spoke. To some it sounded like thunder, to some it sounded like angels.

Some people when they hear scriptures they hear thunder, some hear angels.

Exodus 14:20 – light to one side darkness to the other

This is Jesus showing inclusion of the Gentiles. This made people furious.

His words are gracious, but they don't like grace.

Simon Sinek – know your why – This is the why of Jesus.

Quotes Isaiah.

Then luke writes, "all eyes were fixed on him"

They set their hope on the "year of the Lord's favor" The year of the Lord's favor is the year of jubilee.

The year of jubilee was supposed to occur every 50 years, and during that year all slaves were to be freed, all debts were to be cancelled the land was to lay fallow, property that was lent was to be returned to its original owner. And on top of that all work was to cease for a year. How great is that, I will take a year of the Lord's favor.

The only problem is we have no historic evidence that the nation of Israel ever kept this year of the Lord's favor this year of jubilee. But there was hope. And the hope evolved over the years, for the year of jubilee. It was this promise of a future reality. That it wouldn't just be 1 year every 50 but it would be what life is like every day when God establishes

So there is a double meaning to all of these.

So eyes are fixed on him, what is he going to say? Today its been fulfilled.

Jesus tells 2 stories from 2 of their favorite prophets Elijah and Elisha.

Elisha was in Sidon – a gentile area where adulterous people live. There is a widow of zeraphath.

Elijah with namaan the syran, not just a gentile but a commander of the enemy army. And Elijah healed his leprosy.

In both stories, Jesus highlights that god did something gracious for the gentiles.

Jesus teaches grace and is met with hatred.

We don't just become recipients of the good news we become ambassadors of the good news! We get to proclaim this good news to the poor and liberation to the oppressed and the sight of the blind. We are an extension of the mission!

V18 – Jesus announced the day of the Lord's favor, but not the day of judgement.

Jesus didn't say the day of judgement was fulfilled. His first coming was for grace not for wrath.

V21 He is claiming to be the messiah.

V22 But then they got critical, and wondered isn't this Joseph's son?

V23 This is where Jesus grew up.

We blow off the message because of the messenger or because of an over critical attitude.

V24 – (matthew at they talk)

V25-27 Stories of Gentiles receiving Grace

Jesus points out where God healed gentiles not Jews.

V28 – they were furious

Jesus is raising the question of election. Jesus opened the door to the idea that Jesus didn't come to save the Jews but for all the people of the world.

It was taught in those days that Gentiles were made to be fuel for the fires of hell, that's all they were good for. That's why they existed according to popular rabbis.

V29-30 – Break the wrist, and walk away.

It's a big cliff here in this city (picture)

V31 – down to Capernaum (Nazareth is 1200 feet above, Capernaum is 600 feet below sea level)

This is where Jesus does most of his ministry in Galilee.

V33 – 34 – The demons know who Jesus is.

V35 – be muzzled, stick a cork in it. And come out of him.

The devil here having physical control throwing the man on the ground.

V36 - They were looking for incantations to speak to demons.

V37 – Demon casting was something only a God, David or Solomon could do in their minds.

V38 – Peter's house in Capernaum is a popular tourist destination.

Octagonal because Peter's house was octagonal. A lot of Byzantine churches are octagonal because of that.

V39 Jesus rebukes the fever. The same way he did a demon. Either caused by demon or he has authority over sickness in the same way he does evil spirits.

V40-41

Spiritual Warfare – Jesus' tool

1. Prayer (3:21)

2. Fasting (4:2)

Jesus prayed before being tempted. He had been fasting.

Later Jesus would say these demons only come out with prayer and fasting. Are you prepared in prayer?

Ready to take on anything because of prayer?

3. Father's love (3:22)

Because he loves you, you have power.

4. Holy Spirit (4:1)

5. Word of God (it is written he said over and over)