

“Tempted like Us”

Luke 4:1-14

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Introduction

- Temptation not a ‘laughing matter’
- Poor personal role model-- Me!
- Positive Role Model-- Jesus Christ-- Hebrews 4:15
 - Only One to successfully resist Satan’s every attempt
 - Commanded to follow his example-- 1 Peter 2:21-23; 1 Cor. 10:13
- Questions to consider
 - Situations/Conditions favorable for temptation
 - Schemes /Methods used by Satan against us?
 - Solutions/ Means of countering temptation

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A. Objection: Could Jesus be *“tempted like us?”*

1. The Advantage of his Personal Composition as *“God-Man”*
 - a. Jesus Christ as *“God-Man”*
 - b. As God, Jesus could not be tempted-- James 1:13; 1 John 1:5
 - c. As a man, Jesus was susceptible to temptation
 - d. Jesus’ human will subservient to the divine will
 - 1) Gethsemane-- Luke 22:42
 - 2) John 5:30; 6:38
2. Our Disadvantage-- innate, sinful nature
 - a. The internal power of lust-- James 1:13-15
 - b. Our continual struggle with sin-- Romans 7:15-20
3. Jesus’ Advantage Neutralized-- Used human methods

B. Objection: Was Jesus’ temptation real?

1. Stated: Is the temptation real since Jesus could not sin?
2. Answer: YES! It’s possible to attempt the impossible!
 - a. Temptations fit the *“God-Man”*
 - b. Temptations fall into common categories

C. Situations/Conditions Favorable for Temptation?

1. In the Midst of a *“Spiritual High”*-- 4:1
 - a. *“Full of the Spirit”*-- after the baptism
 - b. Examples of Elijah and Peter
2. When being *“led by the Spirit”*-- v. 1
 - a. Two-sides of Temptation-- James 1, Job 1-2
 - b. Jesus *“learning obedience”*-- Heb. 5:8