

**Seeing Jesus Through the Lens of Luke**  
**“Temptations in the Wilderness”**  
**June 23, 2024 – 180 Church**  
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**Text: Luke 4:1-13**

**Luke 3:21-22** “When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as He was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are My Son, whom I love; with You I am well pleased.”

**Luke 4:1-13** “Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> 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.

**“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall into about the devil. One is to disbelieve in his existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in him.” — CS Lewis**

**“Two equal but unhealthy errors”:**

**1. An \_\_\_\_\_ Interest**

**2. To \_\_\_\_\_ Entirely**

\_\_\_\_\_ – hides behind what appears to be good but underneath it is rotten.

\_\_\_\_\_ – A corrupted army of spiritual beings which have rebelled against God and their created purpose. They work to destroy humanity and TRY to thwart the work of God in this world.

\_\_\_\_\_ – The corruption of what is good. It plagues all humans. It is a cheap, destructive imitation of what we were actually created for.

\_\_\_\_\_ – When we act into that corruption. When we do the very things, we shouldn’t be doing. Sin dehumanizes mankind.

**“Sin is deceitful because it appears fair, but is filthy; appears pleasant but is pernicious, it promises much, but performs nothing. Sin tricks us into wanting that which we know will destroy us.” Matthew Henry.**

**Luke 4:3-4** “The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread. Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

**Luke 4:5-8** “The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> If you worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

**Luke 4:1-13** <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;<sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.” <sup>12</sup>Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.”

#### **How To Respond To A Passage Like This:**

1. Jesus knew the \_\_\_\_\_ – It’s important we do to.  
**John 8:32** (Jesus) “You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.”
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the Goodness of God in the middle of really tough situations.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ – we are NEVER ALONE  
**Hebrews 13:5** “I will never leave you or forsake you.”

**1 Corinthians 10:13** “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. 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 endure it.