

# LUKE 4:1-13

Bible Study





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There is no need to address all of the following questions in a single group meeting. Work with them over time, perhaps over weeks or even longer. There is no rush! Also consider other ways of responding to the Scriptures, such as praying through the text, writing poetry, doing art works, finding maps etc. Our purpose is to immerse ourselves in God's written word. We do not seek to master it, rather to know and love the God who is revealed through it.

### The text – Luke 4:1-13

1. What is the relationship of Jesus to the Holy Spirit in this passage? Also read Luke 3:21-22 (the account of the baptism of Jesus) and Luke 4:14 (the statement immediately following this passage).
2. Why does the Holy Spirit lead Jesus into the wilderness?
3. What do you learn about the devil in this passage?
4. What were the temptations or tests that Jesus faced?
5. What do you learn about Jesus in this passage?
6. What do you learn about God in this passage?

### The Scriptures – Luke 4:1-13 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. What other events in the Scriptures does this event echo?
8. Why does Jesus draw on passages from Deuteronomy on three occasions?
9. How does the devil misuse the text of Psalm 91:11-12?
10. In what way is Jesus in the wilderness re-enacting the history of Israel and indeed of the entire human race?
11. Matthew 4:1-11 also recounts this event. There are, however, some significant differences in Matthew's telling of this event, most notably, the order in which the three tests are presented. Mark also records a shorter account of this event in Mark 1:12-13. Read this account also. Each account is very much shaped by the theological purposes of each author. These are different. The books are written to different audiences for different reasons. God speaks through each of these books for different purposes.

### Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 4:1-13 as a portion of the Scriptures

12. As people seeking to walk the way of Jesus, how does this passage encourage or challenge you?
13. What temptations or tests are you facing currently?
14. How can we walk the way of Jesus with you in ways that are helpful?