

WELCOME TO ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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March-May 2020: JESUS THE MESSIAH

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TWO WEEKS AGO...

JESUS IS BAPTIZED

Matthew 3:1-6 – In those days John the Baptist came preaching... "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"....and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Matthew 3:7-12 – "Bear fruit in keeping with repentance....I baptize you with water for repentanceHe will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Matthew 3:13-17 – Then Jesus came...to be baptized by him. "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

John called the people to repentance,
confession and transformation,
evidenced symbolically by baptism and
lived out by bearing “...fruit in keeping
with repentance.” Jesus was baptized
to “fulfill all righteousness” – His
righteousness for our sin.

John's baptism has now its day, and therefore honor must now be put upon that, and they who attend upon it must be encouraged. John was now increasing, and therefore it must be thus yet; shortly he will decrease, and then it will be otherwise. *It must be so now, because now is the time for Christ's appearing in public, and this will be a fair opportunity for it (see Jn. 1:31-34).* Thus He must be made manifest to Israel, and be signalized by wonders from heaven, in that act of His own, which was most condescending and self-abasing.

- *Matthew Henry*
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Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, *we too might walk in newness of life.*

- *Romans 6:3-4*

TODAY...

UNIT 20

JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

Session 2 – Jesus Is Tempted

1. The Son of God is Tempted to Use His Power for His Own Needs (Luke 4:1-4)
2. The Son of God is Tempted to Pursue His Reign Apart From the Father's Plan (Luke 4:5-8)
3. The Son of God is Tempted to Test His Father's Promise of Protection (Luke 4:9-13)

SESSION AT A GLANCE

Jesus publicly came onto the scene through His baptism by John. However, instead of a popular and successful speaking tour, the Holy Spirit led Him to the solitude of the wilderness to be tempted. Satan tempted Jesus three times, but He overcame each temptation by the Word of God – in contrast to the failure of the first Adam.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Why do trials and temptations seem like a normal part of human life?

What are some ways that Satan leads people away from God's good plan?

How should the belief that God might lead us into a trial or temptation change the way we respond?

What helps you trust God's character even when you can't see or understand His provision?

1. THE SON OF GOD IS TEMPTED TO USE HIS POWER FOR HIS OWN NEEDS (Luke 4:1-4)

Luke 4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

Luke 4:2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days He did eat nothing: and when they were ended, He afterward hungered.

Luke 4:3 And the devil said unto Him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

Luke 4:4 And Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." (Deuteronomy 8:3)

Although Jesus was alone and in a weakened state, Verse 1 gives us the vital key of how He withstood temptation – He was “*full of the Holy Ghost*” and “*led by the Spirit*”.

Sometimes, we are tempted to alter or by-pass God's plan to meet even our most basic human needs.

This sounds a little familiar...

And when the woman saw that the tree was *good for food*, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

- *Genesis 3:6*

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

- 1 John 2:15-16

FILL IN THE BLANKS

P. 71 – Sinlessness of Jesus: While the Bible affirms the full humanity of Jesus, it also affirms that Jesus was completely sinless throughout His earthly life. Nevertheless, because Jesus was fully human, He experienced real temptation of sin, as seen during His trials in the wilderness.

For He hath made Him to be sin for us,
who knew no sin; that we might be
made the righteousness of God in Him.
- *2 Corinthians 5:21*

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; *but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin*. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this He did once, when he offered up Himself.

- *Hebrews 4:15;7:26-27*

And ye know that *He was
manifested to take away our sins;*
and *in Him is no sin.*

- *1 John 3:5*

2. THE SON OF GOD IS TEMPTED TO PURSUE HIS REIGN APART FROM THE FATHER'S PLAN (Luke 4:5-8)

Luke 4:5 And the devil, taking Him up into an high mountain, *shewed unto Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.*

Luke 4:6 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.

Luke 4:7 *If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.*

Luke 4:8 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." (Exodus 20:2-6; Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

Sometimes, we are tempted to alter or by-pass God's plan to satisfy our wants and desires - "I don't need it, but I see it, and I want it". (Note all the I's)

This also sounds a little familiar...

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that *it was pleasant to the eyes*, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

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P. 72 – **Temptation and Sin:** Temptation is not the equivalent of sin. Temptation can refer to natural and good desires that are twisted and directed toward pleasing of self rather than giving glory to God. Knowing our weakness, we are to be on guard against temptation that may lead us to sin, and we pray for God to deliver us from evil.

“...The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?’ And he said ‘This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.’ But God said unto him, ‘Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?’ So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

- Luke 12:16-21

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

- *James 1:12-15*

3. THE SON OF GOD IS TEMPTED TO TEST HIS FATHER'S PROMISE OF PROTECTION (Luke 4:9-13)

Luke 4:9 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:*

Luke 4:10 *For it is written, He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee:*

Luke 4:11 And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Luke 4:12 And Jesus answering said unto him, "It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." -Deut 6:16

Luke 4:13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from Him for a season.

**The final obstacle to overcome
when tempted to alter or by-pass
God's plan is our sinful pride.**

***This was the clincher for Adam
and Eve...***

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In Conclusion

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

- 1 Corinthians 10:13

For even hereunto were ye called: because

Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps:

Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth: who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously: Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

- 1 Peter 2:21-24

NEXT WEEK

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the
love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

– *2 Corinthians 13:14*