

# Overcoming Temptations

Intro:

- A. Text: Luke 4:1-14
- B. When we think about temptations, we probably run through passages such as Luke 17:1, James 1:13-21, and I Cor. 10:13 in our mind. Hopefully, we also consider our text about Jesus.
- C. What a helpful story this is for all sinners. Jesus teaches us how to overcome temptations.
- D. This morning we are going to explore Luke's account of this God glorifying event.
- E. We are going to study Luke's account because he gives a little more detail of this story than Matthew or Mark. Matthew dedicates 11 verses to this occasion, while Mark merely acknowledges that it happened in two verses.
- F. But in Luke 4, this gospel writer shares some interesting details that perhaps we haven't truly examined as much as we should have.
- G. Here are a few of the differences from Luke:
  - 1. Jesus is said to have been \_\_\_\_\_ when he was led by the Spirit into the wilderness for forty days to be tempted. (4:1)
  - 2. He indicates that these three temptations actually occurred \_\_\_\_\_ the 40 days of temptations to which he had already been exposed. (4:2-3).
  - 3. Luke highlights with even greater awareness the gross \_\_\_\_\_ of the devil. (4:6).
  - 4. Further, he discusses that the devil departed after he had ended \_\_\_\_\_ temptation. (4:13).
  - 5. The writer then reveals that Jesus returned \_\_\_\_\_ (4:14).

**Our premise today is quite simple**- If we are going to overcome temptations, all temptations, then we better be \_\_\_\_\_. How can this happen for us? Some people shy away from talk like this. But is it wrong to describe someone as \_\_\_\_\_? Absolutely not! The question for us today is how can we be \_\_\_\_\_ in order to overcome temptations?

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ - Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16.
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ - Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16, Hebrews 10:25
- III. \_\_\_\_\_ - Galatians 5:16, 18, 22-25

Conclusion: If we implement these things when faced with temptations then we will like Jesus emerge " \_\_\_\_\_ " as well.