

What's Inside?

Luke 4:1-13

How do we know what's _____ a person?
What's really _____ you and me?
How does what's inside us _____ in good ways?
Psalm 139:23-24

Just before this story...

John the Baptist was teaching "a baptism of _____ for the forgiveness of sins"
Jesus (God the _____) was baptized to join with humanity, even though He did not need to _____
God the _____ descended on Jesus
God the _____ said, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."
A beautiful expression of the _____ in fellowship and ministry together
But then...

Luke 4:1-2a

1-2a: Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into intense _____

Luke's emphasis

Jesus was "_____ of the Holy Spirit"
Perfectly _____ by the Spirit
Perfectly _____ the Spirit
Fully _____ by the Spirit
The devil: the foremost _____ of God
This testing was God's _____ for Jesus
To _____ Jesus' perfect obedience
_____ temptations: the strongest the devil could give
He _____ them all
To _____ Jesus for ministry
Hebrews 5:8-10

Tested for _____ days, not just on day _____

In the wilderness, like _____

Deuteronomy 8:2; Joshua 5:6

Testing reveals what is _____ inside

Adam & Eve failed such an _____ test!

Israel failed _____ times (at least) in the wilderness

Jesus was found to be perfectly _____ inside

Testing does that for us too

When our _____ or desires aren't met
When _____ disappoint us or frustrate us
When _____ disappoint or frustrate ourselves
When _____ disappoints our desires or hopes

2b-4: Temptation 1: Use power to satisfy real hunger even when God says '_____' for _____

Setup	Devil's words	Jesus' words	Temptation	Idea
40 days without _____	Turn this stone into bread to meet a real _____	Man doesn't live by _____ alone	God is not being _____ to you by denying your needs, especially as His _____!	Obedience to God is more _____ than food

The good that God gives is far _____ than all other needs and desires

We are also tempted to doubt God's _____ when good is denied

Yet God still cares for the whole of our _____:

Matthew 6:30

When God withholds good from us, it is for a _____ good purpose

5-8: Temptation 2: Take an _____ path to the good we want than the path God calls us to take

Jesus will one day _____ what the devil offered to give

Philippians 2:10

God's path was through horrible _____ & death

Jesus' answer implies that the devil was not demanding _____ worship

But God does demand _____ worship

Like _____

Setup	Devil's words	Jesus' words	Temptation	Idea
Devil showed him all the _____ of the world	Worship me, and I'll give you all this authority and _____	Worship God _____	There is an _____ path to good than God offers	Worship and serve only God (who has _____ authority)

Worship/service: something I give (my _____) to someone or something (my _____/ _____) whom I hope will give me something in return (the _____)

_____ : hard work, bribe, attitude, money, loyalty, ...

_____ or _____ : society, family, employer, people in power, country, ...

_____ : security, love, identity, honor, pleasure, control, ...

Jesus: God is the only one who can give what truly matters, so it is wrong & _____ to worship/serve anyone or anything else

9-12: Temptation 3: God needs to be _____ to be good to us

The devil is ' _____ ' (like the serpent in Eden)

Uses _____

Uses the _____

as the place of God's _____

He tempts Jesus to _____ God

Setup	Devil's words	Jesus' words	Temptation	Idea
Devil took him to the top of the _____ in Jerusalem	Throw yourself down and have God _____ you as He 'promised'	Don't _____ God	God needs to be _____ to provide the help He promised	God's protection comes through _____ Him not by _____ Him

Psalm 91: "Whoever _____ in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty."

God usually delivers us _____ trouble, rather than _____ it

Israel gave in to this temptation, demanding that God meet their needs in _____ way and in _____ timing, over and over again

Mark 14:36

13: Jesus passed every _____

The devil tried _____ against Jesus

" _____ time" includes:

Peter telling Jesus to take an _____ path

In the garden of Gethsemane, when He experienced the full extent of this testing to take an _____ path than the path God commanded

The Big Idea

Jesus was proven _____
by being tempted to the _____
in every way we are
without any _____ being found

We can't even see _____ hearts very well!

Our insides are often made clearest to us (and others) when we are _____

Blaming the circumstances is like blaming the _____ that says we have a fever

We are repeatedly proven to be _____ inside

Application

Rejoice in our great _____!

Jesus faced temptations to the _____

He never _____

Every other _____ does

His victory is our victory for all who put their _____ in Him

Once for _____

_____ by _____

He can _____ with our struggles

Don't be caught _____ - _____ by trials of many kinds

1 Peter 4:12

More intense trials may come to more _____ people

The devil is very _____

Using _____ and ministry

At our _____

At our _____

James 1:2-4

God may intentionally lead us _____ testing

Just like He did with _____

Help us _____ our weakness and need for grace

Demonstrate _____ work in us, to us or to others

Cause us to _____

Tempted to think we would be a better _____ than God!

We think: He isn't being _____ to us

We think: There are _____ paths to good than God offers

We think: He needs to be _____ to give us the help we need

_____ to God, whose goodness is deeper than we can know

Enter testing in _____ strength

As Jesus did, living by the Word of God (the _____)

Be _____ "in the Lord and in his mighty power"

Ephesians 6:10-18

How incredibly foolish to enter a battle without being _____!

When we _____...

We will _____, over and over

Luke 22:31-32

Find _____, restoration, and transformation in our perfect high priest

Psalm 51:10; James 1:2-4

Reflection Questions

1. What are the trials or temptations that are most challenging to you? When are they most challenging to you?
2. In what ways are the temptations that Jesus experienced in this section real temptations for you?
3. Read James 1:2-4: How would you state this in your own words? What helps you "consider it pure joy"?
4. Read Ephesians 6:10-18: What does it look like for you to "put on the whole armor of God"?
5. When have you experienced the gift of grace and restoration in Christ? Do you need to experience it now?