Steve Greenberg's Handout, Sunday Morning, August 17, 2025 Week 07: Luke 3:21-4:15 Jesus Baptism and Temptation

<u>Luke 3:21-22 John Baptizes Jesus (Matt. 3:13–17; Mark 1:9–11; John 1:29–34)</u> <u>Luk 3:21</u>

Luk 3:22

Jesus is identified as God's Son by Gods voice from heaven

This is the first instance recorded in the Gospels of the Father speaking audibly to His Son (Jesus).

Mat 3:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him(John).

Mat 3:14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

Mat 3:15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. (Jesus identify with Israel's sin, though He had no sin. This foreshadows the judgment he will endure at the cross).

Mat 3:16 When He had been baptized, <u>Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting (lit: coming) upon Him.</u>

Mat 3:17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Jesus Transfigured on the Mountain

_Luk 9:32 But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him.

Luk 9:34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud.

Luk 9:35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"

Luk 9:36 When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

A voice came from heaven

Jhn 12:28 "Father, glorify Your name." <u>Then a voice came from heaven</u>, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."

Jhn 12:29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."

Jhn 12:30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake.

Jhn 12:31 "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

Jhn 12:32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."

<u>Luke 3:23-38 The Genealogy of Jesus Christ (Gen. 5:1–32; 11:10–26; Ruth 4:18–22; 1 Chr. 1:1–4, 24–27, 34; 2:1–15; Matt. 1:2–16)</u>

<u>Intro:</u> Luke traces Jesus' lineage back to Adam to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Messiah.

Luk 3:23

Mary's lineage, as recorded by Luke, does not mention women's names. It begins this way: "[Jesus] was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli". This comment affirms the truth of Jesus' virgin birth (see Luke 1:29–38). Joseph was a "son" of Heli by virtue of his marriage to Mary, who would have been the daughter of Heli.

Isa 9:6 For unto us a Child is born (Messiah through Mary), Unto us a Son is given (through Joseph); And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isa 9:7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Luk 3:24-38 Read on your own

<u>Luke 4:1-13 Satan Tempts Jesus (Matt. 4:1-11; Mark 1:12, 13)</u> <u>Luk 4:1</u>

Jesus lived His life and His ministry as a Spirit filled man, choosing not to rely on the resources of His divine nature, but willingly limiting Himself to the empowering of God and the Holy Spirit.

One of the greatest needs in the church today is a renewing, empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Be filled with the Holy Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18)

<u>Luk 4:2</u>

Being tempted indicates Jesus was tempted the entire forty days and have three temptations mentioned.

The Devil tempts us to do evil

James 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

James 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

James 1:15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

1Cor 7:5 Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

1Cor 10:9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents;

God may test us, but never, to cause us to sin

Heb 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

Heb 11:19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

God will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we are able to resist

1Cor 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation (trial) will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it (endure it).

Rom 6:16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

Rom 6:17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

Rom 6:18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Forty days Jesus fasted. Moses (Ex 34.28) and Elijah (1 Ki 19:8) fasted forty days.

Forty in the scriptures has the idea, numerology testing (Deut. 8:2-3)

Psa 95:9 When your fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they saw My work.

Psa 95:10 For forty years I was grieved with that generation, And said, 'It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.'

Heb 3:9 Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years.

Luk 4:3

<u>Luk 4:4</u>)

The Devil tempted Jesus to use His divine power to satisfy His own physical desire rather than trusting in God's Spirit and Gods Word to supply all that was needed during this temptation.

Jesus used Scripture to battle Satan's temptation.

The most important thing we can do is trust and obey God. Therefore we must know the word of God because the word of God is more important than the very bread we eat.

Chuck Smith Summary from 3000 series

In other words, let the Spirit serve the flesh. Let the fleshly needs reign and rule in your life over the spiritual. Let it become subservient to the physical. This is a problem that we all have to deal with. There is a warfare that goes on in our lives. "The flesh against the Spirit, the Spirit against the flesh: these two are contrary" (Galatians 5:17). They are vying for dominance, for control over your life. All of our lives are either being ruled and governed by the flesh or governed by the Spirit. And if your life is governed by the flesh, if the fleshly body needs rule in your life, if they have precedence, then according to Jesus, you are living like the heathen who all they think about is what we're going to eat, what we're going to drink, what we're going to wear. "After all of these things do the heathen seek" (Luke 12:30).

But Jesus taught us the superiority of the Spirit over the flesh. You "seek first the kingdom of God, His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). God will take care of the physical things. Let the Spirit be uppermost and the other will be taken care of. It is God's order that the Spirit rules. If your flesh is ruling, then your mind is constantly occupied with the fleshly desires. And the things that you are thinking about are things that relate and pertain to your flesh. Food and drink and pleasure and so forth and these are the things that dominate your consciousness, your mind. And the Bible tells us that "the mind of the flesh, the carnal mind, is enmity against God: is not subject to the laws of God and neither indeed can be" (Romans 8:7). It's at odds with God. And thus the mind of the flesh is death. But the mind of the Spirit, when the Spirit is uppermost, and you are ruled by the Spirit, then the mind of the Spirit, your mind now is on the things of the Spirit, your mind is upon God and your relationship with God and your fellowship with God. And "the mind of the Spirit is life and it is joy and it is peace" (Romans 8:6). Neh 8:10c for the joy of the LORD is your strength." So what a contrast between the flesh and the Spirit. And each of us are controlled either by the flesh or by the Spirit and the result is we have the mind of the flesh which is always on fleshly things which is death; or the mind of the Spirit which is just life and peace and joy. Jesus our example, now being tempted by Satan, to let the fleshly desires rule over the Spirit. Let the Spirit be subservient to the flesh. Use the spiritual powers to minister to your fleshly needs. Command the stone to turn into bread.

A Samaritan Woman Meets Jesus at The Well

Jhn 4:10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

Jhn 4:11 The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?

Jhn 4:13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,

Jhn 4:14 "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

Jhn 4:32 But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

Luk 4:5

Luk 4:6

Satan claimed that authority over the earth's kingdoms and he says it was delivered to him, and notice Jesus never challenged the statement. When did that happen? Some suggest it happened when God gave man (Adam) dominion over the earth, Adam sinned and thereby forfeited it to Satan Gen 1:26-28.

All this authority and their glory has been delivered to me (Devil). Satan seems to be bragging that he is in control or dominion over a world system. Bragging to Jesus that it belongs to me, and I can give it to whomever he wills. We know God ultimately has all authority over everything but in some sense Satan is the ruler of this world, prince of the air, god of this age, has a worldly kingdom and has some dominion (John 12:31, 16:11; 2 Cor 4:4; 1 John 5:19; Eph 2:2; Rev 11:15, 13:2, 16:10),

- Jhn 12:31 "Now is the judgment of this world; now the <u>ruler of this world will be cast</u> out.
- Rev 11:15 ..." The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"
- Rev 13:2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.
- Rev 13:7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. <u>And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation</u>.
- Rev 16:10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the <u>beast</u>, and <u>his</u> kingdom became full of darkness; ...
- Dan 7:11 "I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.
- Dan 7:12 As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away (ruling authority removed), yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.
- Dan 7:13 "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man (title of Jesus), Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.
- Dan 7:14 Then to Him (the Messiah) was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.

Luk 4:7

This is a temptation to break the first commandment, Exo 20:3 "You shall have no other gods before Me.

Luk 4:8

Father's plan was for Jesus to come the first time to suffer, then enter His glory. Satan offered Jesus a way out of the future suffering.

- Heb 2:14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,
- 1Jo 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.
- Isa 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.
- Isa 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.
- 1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Applications for us

- James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded
 - Eph 4:27 nor give place to the devil.
- Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.
- 1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.
- 1Pe 5:9 <u>Resist him, steadfast in the faith (Jesus name)</u>, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Luk 4:9

Top corner of the Temple Mount, overlooking the Kidron Valley

Luk 4:10

Luk 4:11

The devil says the angels have promised to rescue You and everybody will be able to see who you are, how exciting.

Luk 4:12

Jesus knew how to rightly divide the word of truth

2Ti 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2Ti 2:16 But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness.

Act 20:26 "Therefore I(Paul) testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men.

Act 20:27 "For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

Luk 4:13

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are (as humans), yet without sin.

Matthews's gospel adds

Mat 4:11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

<u>Luke 4:14-15 Jesus Begins His Galilean Ministry (Matt. 4:1-17; Mark 1:12-15)</u> <u>Luk 4:14</u>

Spirit and power are terms often linked together (Zech 4:6; Mic 3:8; Acts 1:8; 8:19, 10:38; 1 Cor 2:4; 1 Thes 1:5),

Luk 4:15

Mat 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

Isa 52:13 Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently (act wisely and proper); He shall be exalted and extolled (lifted up) and be very high (greatly exalted).