

# Jesus' Ministry Begins

## Lesson #6

### Luke 4:1-37

#### Jesus Temptation - 4:1-13

##### Background - 4:1, 2

1. After Jesus was baptized by John and before he began his public ministry:
  - Where did he go?
  - Who led him there?
  - How long was he there?
  - Why was he taken there?
2. At the time the devil approached Jesus what did Luke emphasize about Jesus' physical condition?

##### Temptation #1 - 4:3 & 4

3. The devil knew where Jesus was vulnerable so began tempting him by suggesting that Jesus change stones into bread. What was the devil's opening challenge? (Luke 4:3)
4. Jesus' counters his challenge with the words, "*It is written.*" What event was Jesus referring to when he said, "*Man does not live by bread alone?*" (Deuteronomy 8:2 & 3)

##### Temptation #2 - 4:5-8

5. Where does the devil take Jesus for this second temptation and what does he show him? (Luke 4:5)
6. What does the devil ask Jesus to do? (Luke 4:7)
7. If Jesus will do this, what does he offer in exchange? (Luke 4:6)

8. How does Jesus answer? (Luke 4:8)

Jesus' answer once again quotes scripture, Deuteronomy 6:12 & 13 and Exodus 20:2-6.

**Temptation #3 - 4:9-12**

9. Where does the third temptation take place? (Luke 4:9a)

10. Once again the devil challenges Jesus' identity. How does he begin this final challenge? (Luke 4:9b)

11. This time the devil dares Jesus to prove his identity by throwing himself down. How does the devil say that would be proof? (Luke. 4:10 & 11)

12. At this point Jesus surely could have corrected the devil's error but again quotes Deuteronomy (6:10). What is Jesus' final answer? (Luke 4:12)

**Reflection**

13. Look back over the three temptations of Jesus and reflect upon:

- When Jesus was tempted
- What the devil tempted him with
- How Jesus responded to each temptation

14. Do you see any lesson you can use to resist temptation in your own life?

15. Did the devil give up? (Luke 4:13)

### **Jesus Ministry Begins - 4:14-37**

#### **Background**

16. Using 4:14 & 15:

- Where does Luke say Jesus began his ministry?
  
- Where did Jesus get his power?
  
- Where did he teach?
  
- What did the people think of Jesus' teaching?

### **Jesus Hometown - 4:17-30**

17. One particular event that Luke records took place at Jesus' hometown of Nazareth. On the Sabbath he went into the synagogue, as was his custom, and on this day he was handed the Torah with the day's reading. What book was that Sabbath's reading from? (4:17)

18. This particular passage is on "*the year of the Lord's favor*," which refers to the day the Lord's anointed will come. Using Luke 4:18 & 19:

- What "power source" does Isaiah say they will recognize in the Lord's anointed?
  
- What will he be sent to do?

19. As Jesus read the scroll, what else would these people be remembering from Isaiah's prophecy? (Isaiah 61:4 & 7)

20. Jesus rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant then sat down in "Moses' Seat" to teach. Everyone was very attentive. The words Jesus spoke that Luke recorded are few, "Today, this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Based upon Isaiah's words in Luke 4:18-19, what did Jesus just declare to the people of his hometown?
21. Don't miss this insight – how did this hometown crowd react to his declaration? (Luke 4:22)
22. Jesus' first recorded sermon in Luke's Gospel also takes place in Nazareth. What does Jesus say they will ask him to do? (Luke 4:23)
23. What else does he say? (Luke 4:24)
24. Jesus continued by reciting the story of Elijah and the 3 ½ year drought and Elisha's healing of Naaman. Can you tell from these stories what Jesus was saying to them? (Luke 4:25-27)
25. The people didn't miss his point. What does Luke say happened next? (Luke 4:28-30)

### **A New Hometown – 4:31-37**

26. After being rejected in his own hometown, where did Jesus go? (Luke 4:31)
27. How was he received by the people there? (Luke 4:32)
28. On the Sabbath, Jesus went to the synagogue where he was confronted by a demon-possessed man. Using Luke 4:33-37:
  - What is mentioned about the way the man spoke to Jesus?

- What did he call Jesus?
- What question did he ask?
- How did Jesus respond to him?
- What happened to the man?
- How did the people respond?
- What was the result of this encounter?