

THE
GREATEST STORY
EVER

TOLD

The word 'TOLD' is rendered in large, bold, black letters. The letter 'O' is a circle containing a silhouette of a shepherd in a long robe, holding a staff. The letter 'D' is a large 'D' shape with a silhouette of a dog standing on its top curve. The background consists of layered, rolling hills in shades of yellow and green, with a dark silhouette of grass at the bottom.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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Luke 4:1-13



¹ Then Jesus returned from the Jordan, full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness

² for 40 days to be tempted by the Devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over, He was hungry.

³ The Devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

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4 But Jesus answered him, “It is written: Man must not live on bread alone.”

5 So he took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 The Devil said to Him, “I will give You their splendor and all this authority, because it has been given over to me, and I can give it to anyone I want.

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7 If You, then, will worship me, all will be Yours.”

8 And Jesus answered him, “It is written: Worship the Lord your God, and Him serve Him only.”

9 So he took Him to Jerusalem, had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here.

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10 For it is written: He will give His angels orders concerning you, to protect you, 11 and they will support you with their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

12 And Jesus answered him, “It is said: Do not test the Lord your God.”

13 After the Devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him for a time.

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1. Be Prepared for Temptation

full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ... He ate nothing during those days,

- **Holy Spirit led**
- **Alone with God**
- **Willing to be tested**
- **Fasting and prayer**



2. The Pattern of Temptation

a. Doubt God's love.

“If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

The devil was attempting (as he did with Eve) to get Jesus to distrust God's love and provision for Him.



2. The Pattern of Temptation

b. Doubt God's plan.

“I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.”

Satan's goal was to get Jesus to doubt God's plan for Him, and to bypass it.

Does the same with us.



2. The Pattern of Temptation

c. Presume upon God.

“If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here; for it is written, ‘He will command His angels concerning you to guard you,’ and, ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’ ”



2. The Pattern of Temptation

c. Presume upon God.

- If He was killed by the fall, He would not die on the cross as Old Testament predicted.
- If God had to miraculously deliver Him, Jesus would cease to be in submission.

The essence of the final temptation was to presume on God, to back God into a corner where He would be forced to act.



3. The Persistence of Temptation

¹³ After the Devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him for a time.

Satan continued to tempt Jesus throughout His ministry.

Even until death, Jesus' beating was meant to kill Him... but He overcame.



**Lessons about Temptation:
Satan uses the same strategies today.**

**Satan uses circumstances to his
advantage.**

**Along with being prepared and prayer...
God's Word is **ESSENTIAL.****

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After the Temptation:

¹⁴ Then Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread throughout the entire vicinity.

¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, being acclaimed by everyone.

It is time to declare the victory we have in God and His Word and return to His Plan.

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