

## Spiritual Warfare

### Jesus v. Evil

#### Luke 4:1-14

**4** Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them He was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to Him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed Him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And he said to Him, “I will give You all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> If You worship me, it will all be Yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.’” <sup>9</sup> The devil led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If You are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup> For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; <sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” <sup>12</sup> Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left Him until an opportune time. <sup>14</sup> Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through the whole countryside.

Luke 1:15 – for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born.

Luke 1:35 – The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy One to be born will be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:41 – When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 1:67 – His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

Luke 2:25-27 – Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to

him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for Him what the custom of the Law required, Luke 3:16 – John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But One who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Luke 3:21-22 – When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as He was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with You I am well pleased.”

1. Remember the strategy:

Deceive, Divide, Destroy

2. Jesus did not come to defeat an evil empire, Jesus came to defeat \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The temptations of Christ are a \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s man against satan.

4. During temptations, Jesus did not rely on His power but on the power of the \_\_\_\_\_.

5. None of the temptations of Christ involved a \_\_\_\_\_ of the existence of God.

6. Jesus survived and even thrived in this direct attack by trusting \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 5:16-17

*<sup>16</sup> Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. <sup>17</sup> For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!*

Jesus is a new and better Adam, entering a new battle to redeem people.