

👉 **Luke 4:1-13**, Jesus does one final thing to demonstrate His power to save us before He starts His public ministry. He takes on the devil, **Luke 4:1-4**. There has been a buildup for 3 chapters now in the book of Luke. It's all been to show that there is no doubt that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior of the world.

1. If Jesus is to be the Savior, there is one more rather formidable credential He must possess.

- ✓ The problem in the world is sin; it has been since the Garden of Eden. Sin is what has destroyed us and separated us from God.
- ✓ What good is the virgin birth and all the testimonies of His Messiahship; of what good is all those angels and prophets have said about Him, if He falls to temptation? This is the capstone of His Messianic credentials and His final exam before entering public ministry.

2. Is Jesus like Adam?

- ✓ There once was a man who was perfect, sinless, undefiled, lived in a perfect environment and had a perfect relationship with God, but he fell from grace.
- ✓ Is Jesus like Adam? He is a man! **Hebrews 2:17**. Perfect? Sinless? Undefiled? Perfect relationship with God? Will He fall like Adam did? Is He like Adam? Yes! In every way, with one crucial exception, he did not fall.

3. Jesus was tempted in every way, just as we are.

- ✓ This is not to be confused with Jesus' first actual temptation. He's 30 years old at this point; He's had a lifetime of temptations, **Hebrews 4:15**.

4. Adam and Eve had it good.

- ✓ Here is Jesus at His final exam before His public ministry, being proven to be the sinless Son of God under the worst of circumstances.
- ✓ Adam lived in a sinless world and a sinless environment, not Jesus. Adam had never known temptation; Jesus had known 30 years of it plus 40 days of high intensity. Adam had everything; Jesus had nothing.

5. Jesus was tempted more than any man.

- ✓ It's not the amount; it's the intensity. Jesus endured the maximum every time, because He never gave in, and He never budged.
- ✓ Under the best of circumstances, Adam fell with the first temptation. Under the worst of circumstances, Jesus never fell even with scores of temptations and tests.
- ✓ Jesus could not save us from sin and death and hell if He could not first save Himself from it. This why the Bible calls Jesus the last Adam, **Romans 5:17**. How effective will the sinless life of Jesus and ultimate sacrifice be in making us righteous? Much More!

6. Jesus didn't sin, because He couldn't sin.

He didn't sin ultimately because He is the Son of God, God Himself; God cannot sin by His very nature.
