

Great News!
I bring you good tidings of great joy! –Luke 2.10

“Into the Wilderness”
Luke 4.1-4

The Purpose of Temptation

- To show Christ’s sinlessness
- To display Christ’s dependence
- To defeat the devil from the start of Christ’s ministry
- To model for us how to deal with temptation

The Parallels

A. The 1st Adam

1. Lust of the flesh. “good for food”
2. Temptation started in paradise and ended in disaster.
3. The tool of Satan was words

B. The Last Adam

1. Same temptation. Different outcome
2. Temptation started in the desert and ended in paradise restored.
Death to life.
3. Jesus used authentic word of God.

The Process of Temptation

A. God-allowed

1. To see and worship the Creator, not creation.
2. To live in the eternal, not temporal.

B. Demonically- Configured

1. At our physical weakest
2. At our spiritual strongest

C. Spiritually conquered

1. Prepared through prayer
2. Dependent on God’s Word- Satan had nothing to offer but stones,
and God made those! He owns nothing, has nothing
3. Physically resistant
Crucified with Christ
4. Provided with Grace
You can’t but He can!