

OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

Luke 4:1-13

Key verse: 1-2a

Discussion questions:

- Why did Jesus have to be tempted by the devil? (Heb 4:15)
- How can we overcome Satan's temptations?

Inductive study questions:

1. At what time did Jesus receive and become full of the Holy Spirit? (1a; Lk 3:22)
Where did God's Spirit lead Jesus? (1b) Why? What are the spiritual benefits of fasting? (2a)
2. How did the devil tempt Jesus first? (2b-3) Why was this a temptation? How does the devil tempt people today to seek "bread" or security in things other than God? What does Jesus' answer teach us about the nature of man? (4) How does God's word help us to defeat this temptation?
3. How did the devil tempt Jesus in verses 5-7? What does this temptation involve? What was the devil's strategy? How could he make such promises? (Jn 12:31) What does Jesus' answer mean? (Dt 6:5)
4. How was Satan's temptation putting God to the test? What is the real meaning of the scripture, Ps 91:11-12, the devil quoted? What does Jesus' answer mean? What can you learn from Jesus about how to defeat Satan's temptations?