



## “The Jesus Story: The One Everybody Can Know”

Luke 4:1-13

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IV. He is Able (Luke 4:1-13)

A. Introduction

-Abandoned, rejected lambs are called “bummer lambs.”

Jesus understands what it means to be pushed out, to be rejected and to be abused. (Isa 53:3)

Jesus experienced everything that we have experienced without sinning. (Heb 4:15)

B. Three questions:

1. What was the purpose of this crisis of temptation in the wilderness? It was a part of God’s redemptive plan for the world.

2. How did Jesus prove that He is able to deliver us?

a. Jesus had to be tested to show that He is worthy to be our Savior.

b. If He proved Himself worthy then we can know that He is able to deliver on His promises.

c. Several considerations:

1). He had to be filled with the Spirit. (v.1)

2). The word tempt has a two-fold meaning:

a). To tempt means ‘to incite and entice to evil.’

b). To tempt means ‘to test’

d. The Lord’s temptation was a test to prove His worthiness!

e. Satan tempted Jesus in three areas:

1). Satan first tempted Jesus to serve Himself - to satisfy His own his own fleshly cravings.

2). Satan tempted Jesus to take a short cut to fulfill His plan to build God’s kingdom.

3). Satan tempted Jesus to test God! (Ps 91:11; I Jn 2:15-17)

f. Satan will use three devices to lure us away from God and to trap us in sin and death: (Gen 3:6)

1). The cravings of sinful man!

2). The lust of his eyes!

3). The boasting of what he has and does!

g. Satan’s desire is to destroy us by luring us to sin.

h. The world system under the control of Satan is out to destroy you and me. (1 Jn 5:19)

i. How does Satan use the world system to draw us away from God? Three devices:

1). The cravings of sinful man includes anything that appeals to man’s fallen nature. Satan appeals to our normal appetites and tempts us to satisfy them in forbidden ways.

2). The lust of the eyes is the desire to possess what we see or to have those things which have visual appeal.

3). The boasting of what he has and does can be defined as anything that is “of the world,” meaning anything that leads to arrogance, pride in self, presumption, and boasting.

j. How did Jesus overcome these temptations? By relying on two powers:

1). Jesus relied on the power of the Holy Spirit to resist temptation and the pull of the world. (Rom 8:9; Zech 4:6)

2). Jesus relied on the power of God’s Word to resist temptation and the pull of the world. (2 Cor 10:3-4 )

k. Jesus passed the test. He has proved Himself worthy and He is able to deliver us. (Heb 2:18)

3. What does it mean that Jesus is able to deliver us ‘bummer lambs’?

a. All you have to do is confess your sins and repent and then you will experience the peace of God.

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