

The Ultimate Victor

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Jesus is the One approved
completely by God the
Father. (3:21,22)



When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as He was praying, heaven was opened

Luke 3:21

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.”

The Trinity is not meant to confound us as much as it is meant to delight us.

Thabiti Anyabwile

Jesus is the One representing
perfectly all humanity. (3:23–38)



Jesus possesses the proper roots to be the promised agent of God. He is in David's line, pointing to a regal figure. He is Abraham's seed, pointing to the Abrahamic promise...

He is Adam's seed, relating Him to all humanity. And He is the Son of God.

Unlike Adam, another “son” of God, who sinned, Jesus overcomes the tests.

Jesus is the One tempted
unsuccessfully by the
Devil. (4:1–13)



Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

Luke 4:1

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.

The Devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

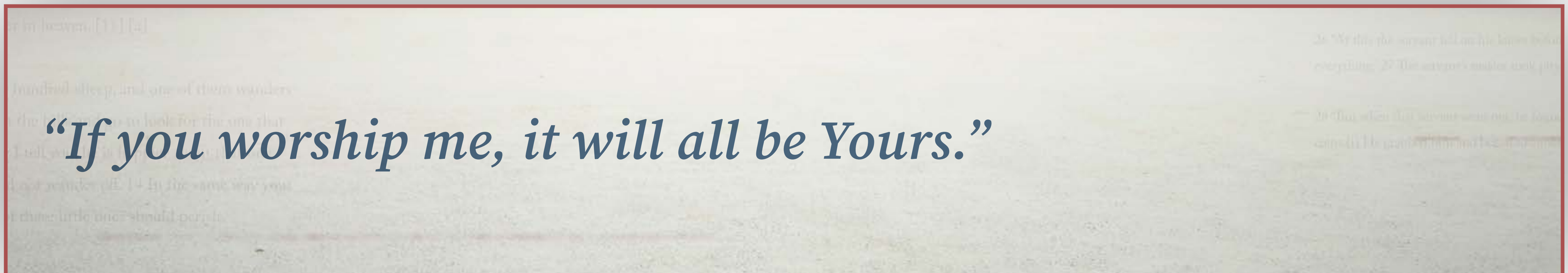
Luke 4:3

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

The Devil led Him up to a high place and showed Him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

Luke 4:5

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.”



“If you worship me, it will all be Yours.”

Luke 4:7

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.’”

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.”

“For it is written: ‘He will command His angels concerning You to guard You carefully;’”

Luke 4:10

“‘they will lift You up in their hands, so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.’”

Luke 4:11

Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Luke 4:12

When the Devil had finished all this tempting, he left Him until an opportune time.

Luke 4:13

The first Adam was tempted in a beautiful Garden and failed. The Last Adam was tempted in a dangerous wilderness and succeeded.

Depending On the Spirit (4:1,2)



For everything in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — comes not from the Father but from the world.

Resisting Desperation (4:3,4)



As the eternal Son of God, He had power to do anything
but as the humble Son of Man, He had authority to do
only that which the Father willed.

Resisting Presumption (4:5–8)



Whatever we worship, we will serve. Service to the Lord is true freedom, but service to Satan is terrible bondage. God's pattern is to start with suffering and end with glory, while Satan's pattern is to start with glory and end with suffering.

Warren Wiersbe

Resisting Ambition (4:9–12)



The most dangerous thing a Christian can ever do is believe that he is somehow immune to temptation. If we think that we are somehow freed up from fighting temptation...

Albert Mohler

then we have both overestimated our own spiritual state
and grossly underestimated our need for God's grace.

Albert Mohler

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Ephesians 6:16

*Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the Word of God.*

Ephesians 6:17

The only one to know the full force of the enemy's assault is the One who did not break. So don't ever think that Christ's temptations were less than yours...

Colin Smith

Only Christ knows the full power of temptation, because only Christ has withstood the full force of the enemy's assault.

Colin Smith

The Lord endured temptation *in our place*. So in our temptation, we must flee to Christ! The Son stands in our place to defeat the temptation that often defeats us. He does *not* do this to say, “OK, now, that’s how you do it.”

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Our Lord didn't endure this so we would have *a model to follow*. He did this so we would have *mercy when falling*.
Christ delivered us.

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For this reason He had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in service to God, and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people.

Because He himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2:18

Therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Hebrews 4:14

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have One who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet He did not sin.

Hebrews 4:15

*Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our
time of need.*

Hebrews 4:16

**Jesus is the gold standard
of true humanity.**

