



#### Week 4

**Sermon Series:** Light Dawns Darkness Trembles

**Sermon Title:** The True Son of God

**Sermon Text:** Luke 4:1-13

**Group Week of:** June 18, 2023

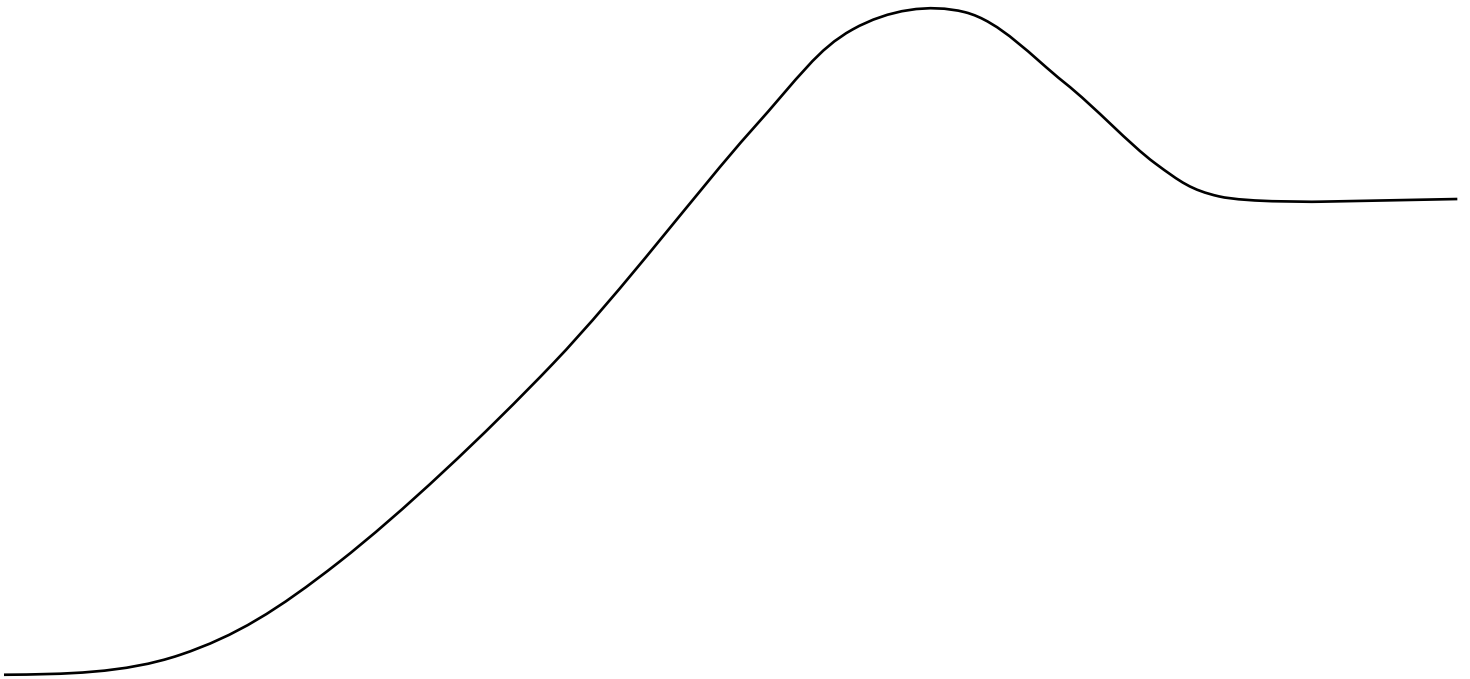
**Sermon Date:** June 25, 2023

#### Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies

<b>Day 1</b>	Bread in the Wilderness – Deut 8:1-5
<b>Day 2</b>	Worship & Testing God – Deut 6:1-25
<b>Day 3</b>	Jesus' Exultation – Philippians 2:6-11
<b>Day 4</b>	Adam's Fall – Genesis 3:1-7
<b>Day 5</b>	Sons & Daughters of God – Heb 2:10-18

#### The Text: Luke 4:1-13

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Fill in plot arch** by writing down verses in the story as points on the plot line to help show you where the main lessons in the story are.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.



#### Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson (lessons) that you see God teaching through Luke in this passage?
- 2) How does the question, "If you are the Son of God," create opportunities for Jesus to be tempted?
- 3) What is (are) the difference(s) between Jesus' and Satan's use of Scripture?

## Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Think about the testing that Adam had in the Garden of Eden and compare that with Christ's testing in the wilderness. What is similar and different? How is Jesus tested in a similar way to Adam? How do the results differ?
- 2) When dealing out temptation (or testing), what seems to be Satan's strategy? How does he use God's words to try to trick Jesus into sinning?
- 3) Satan's tactics remain the same even though he does not need to speak to any of us personally to present lies. Where do you see Satan's temptations in your life or our world? Where does Satan manipulate the Word of God in the church to lead Christians astray?
- 4) Knowing that the Holy Spirit brings Christ to this place of testing and that Christ is full of the Spirit as He makes His responses to Satan means that the Spirit and the Word truly will help us in times of temptation. How would you explain relying upon the Spirit in times of temptation to a friend?
- 5) First, Christ is tempted to use His power as the Son of God to turn stones to bread. Why would this be a sin? And how does Christ's dependence upon God in this moment demonstrate, even more than if He had turned the stones to bread, that He truly is the Son of God?
- 6) Second, Christ is tempted to circumvent the cross and its suffering and go straight to exultation without suffering for sin by worshiping Satan. Jesus decides to worship and obey God the Father despite the suffering He knows it will bring. How does this temptation (to avoid suffering by worshiping something other than God) come up in your life? And how does Christ's example provide help?
- 7) Third, Christ is tempted to test the Father's love for Him as His Son by jumping off a roof. Jesus proves His sonship by *not* testing the Father. What ways do we come to doubt or even test God's love? How does Jesus' example here teach us to handle those moments?
- 8) If we do not know the Word better than Satan does, it will leave us susceptible to manipulation. Consider an area of temptation and Scriptures you need for protection. Commit to studying them.