



# **GOSPEL OF SAINT LUKE**

## **12 – Nazareth and Capernaum**





# RECAP FROM LECTURE 11



- † Christ was led into the desert to face temptations. We should expect the same.
- † The structure of temptation is
  - † Temptation through the senses
  - † Temptation through the goods of this world
  - † Temptation through a misplaced belief in our own worth.
- † To overcome temptation:
  - † Endure them patiently
  - † Complete distrust in the powers of self
  - † Complete trust in God
  - † Full use of the Sacraments
  - † Proper use of our faculties





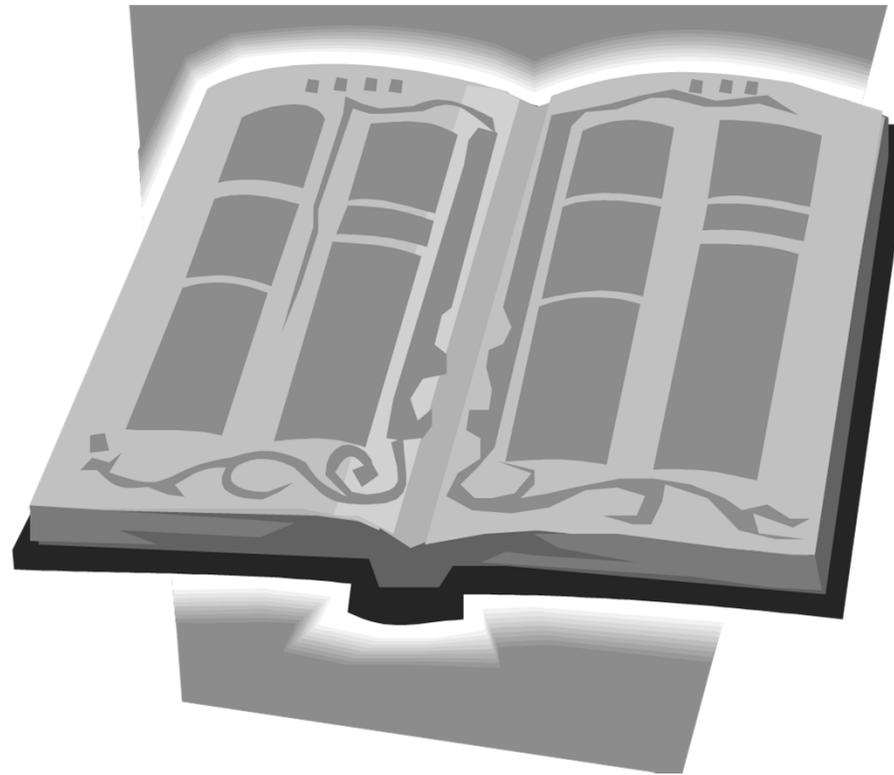
## **PLAN OF THIS STUDY**

1. The Spirit brings Jesus to the desert
2. Categories of Temptations
3. First Temptation
4. Second Temptation
5. Third Temptation
6. The Opportune Time





# OPEN YOUR BIBLE TO LUKE 4:14 - 44





## LUKE 4:14-20



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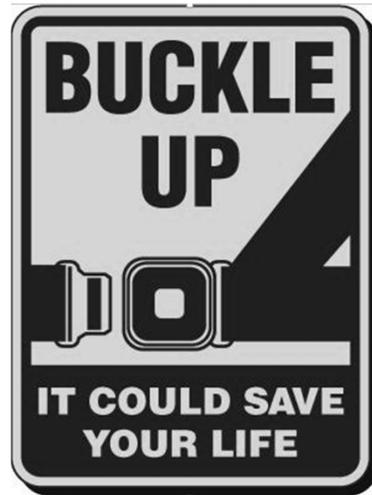
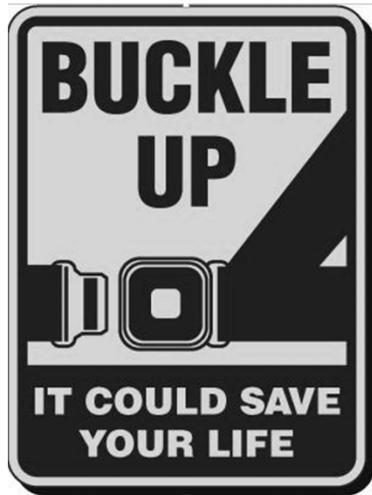


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- † 12 → 30: from apprenticeship to becoming a Rabbi
- † Jesus was anointed by a Levite. But he is not a Levite.
- † With the power of the Spirit: prevalence of the Holy Spirit.
- † Why Galilee?
  - † Matthew 4:15-16: “The Land of Zebulun and Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”
  - † John 1:9 – [He] is the light that enlightens every man





## LUKE 4:14-20 / 2



† **Isaiah 9:1-7:** But there will be no gloom for her that was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zeb'ulun and the land of Naph'tali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as on the day of Mid'ian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.





## LUKE 4:14-20 / 3



- † Isaiah 61: Book of the New Creation: John the Baptist quotes from Isaiah 40, Jesus from Isaiah 61: The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the **day of vengeance of our God**; to comfort all who mourn; [...] I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.





## LUKE 4:14-20 / 4



- † Teaching before signs.
- † Isaiah 61: and the **day of vengeance of our God**;
- † What is being promised?
  - † Preach good news to the poor
  - † Release to the captives
  - † Recovering of sight to the blind
  - † Set at liberty those who are oppressed
  - † Proclaim the Acceptable Year of the Lord: Jubilee → Leviticus 25
- † Jubilee (Leviticus 25) and the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church
- † Historical context: Who is governing, who is being governed?  
How do you believe?





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- † "Today this scripture **has been fulfilled** in your hearing."
  - † Christ loved his homeland, the place where he grew-up to show us that the love of homeland is a virtue.
  - † What kind of Messiah was Jesus? Prophetic.
- † Fulfillment of the Book of Consolation.
- † Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing. How?
  - † The "Spirit is upon me": Baptism in the Jordan and the descent of the Holy Spirit.
  - † "Because he has anointed me": Jesus was anointed by John the Baptist
- † What is Jesus asking of them?
  - † Why were they waiting for a miracle? A sign?
  - † Why did they ask "Is not this the Son of Joseph?"





## LUKE 4:14-20 / 2



- † “In vain shall your prayer be if you despise the fruit of a virtue (or talent) present in your brother and absent in you.” Saint Ambrose (my translation from French)
- † Jesus reads and quotes the Old testament →
  - † Continuity of the New and the Old
  - † The Old is necessary for understanding the New
- † Teaching before signs.
- † Jesus quotes 1 Kings 17 and 2 Kings 5: Elijah was sent to Zar’ephath a Sidonian widow and Elisha, his successor to Naaman the Syrian, commander of the army of the King of Aram. Elijah raised the widow’s son and Elisha healed the man’s leprosy. Both are gentiles.
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- † Why did Elijah live with an unclean woman? Why raise her son from the dead?
- † Why did Elishah heal Naaman the Syrian and not the Jews who had contracted Leprosy?
- † Note also that bodily healing should never be thought apart from the glory of God.
- † Likewise, life is given so we may glorify God.





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- † What is the source of their wrath? Why not contempt? Why not derision?
- † The fruit of that sin is destruction. What is it?
- † Interpretative key: “Things hidden since the Foundation of the World.”
- † Teaching with Authority: What does this mean? What is authority? “Civil authority is of God, not by any revelation or positive institution, but by the mere fact that God is the Author of Nature, and Nature imperatively requires civil authority to be set up and obeyed.”





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- † St. Thomas says: "God is not offended by us except at what we do against our own good" (Contra Gentiles, III, 122). The arbitrary use of authority is called tyranny. Such is the tyranny of an absolute monarch, of a council, of a class, or of a majority. The liberty of the subject is based on the doctrine that the State is not omnipotent. Legally omnipotent every State must be, but not morally.
- † Authority is of God inasmuch as it was an essential of the human nature which God has created. Authority is a Divine institution, but kings are a human invention. Francisco Suárez, S.J.





## LUKE 4:31-35 / 2

- † In the greek *exousia*: the power of rule or government (the power of him whose will and commands must be submitted to by others and obeyed).
- † Book of Wisdom chapter 7
- † What have you to do with us? John 2: O Woman what have you to do with me?





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- † Jesus commands. He does not exorcise. early 15c., "a calling up or driving out of evil spirits," from Late Latin exorcismus, from Greek exorkismos, from exorkizein "exorcize, bind by oath," from ex "out of" (see ex-) + horkizein "cause to swear," from horkos "oath." Earlier in the same sense was exorcization (late 14c.).
- † Clear distinction between "Unclean Spirits" and Leprosy, illness, fever, etc.
- † Why are we healed? To serve.
- † Why did Jesus rebuke the witness of demons?
- † "Holy One of God" – Psalm 106:16-17: When men in the camp were jealous of Moses and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD, the earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abi'ram.
- † Why did he depart? There were still people in need of healing.





## LET'S RECAP



- † Christ was sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the good news.
- † Envy is always sinful, Jealously may or may not be sinful
- † Christ commands the demons and in so doing makes himself known to them for our sake
- † Christ's primary mission is announcing the good news
- † The response to healing is service
- † Christ uses ordinary means for his preaching





## FOR NEXT WEEK

- † Read Luke chapter 5
- † Points of meditation
  - † What is the meaning of Jesus stepping into Peter's boat?
  - † Why did Jesus ask Peter to "put out into the deep"?
  - † Why did Peter recognize Jesus as the Lord?
  - † What is leprosy a symbol of?
  - † Which is easier? To heal a paralytic or to forgive sins?
  - † Why did Jesus call a tax collector to follow him?

