

# Luke 4

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**4** <sup>1-2</sup> Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wild. For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by the Devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when the time was up he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup> The Devil, playing on his hunger, gave the first test: “Since you’re God’s Son, command this stone to turn into a loaf of bread.”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered by quoting Deuteronomy: “It takes more than bread to really live.”

<sup>5-7</sup> For the second test he led him up and spread out all the kingdoms of the earth on display at once. Then the Devil said, “They’re yours in all their splendor to serve your pleasure. I’m in charge of them all and can turn them over to whomever I wish. Worship me and they’re yours, the whole works.”

<sup>8</sup> Jesus refused, again backing his refusal with Deuteronomy: “Worship the Lord your God and only the Lord your God. Serve him with absolute single-heartedness.”

<sup>9-11</sup> For the third test the Devil took him to Jerusalem and put him on top of the Temple. He said, “If you are God’s Son, jump. It’s written, isn’t it, that ‘he has placed you in the care of angels to protect you; they will catch you; you won’t so much as stub your toe on a stone’?”

<sup>12</sup> “Yes,” said Jesus, “and it’s also written, ‘Don’t you dare tempt the Lord your God.’”

<sup>13</sup> That completed the testing. The Devil retreated temporarily, lying in wait for another opportunity.

<sup>14-15</sup> Jesus returned to Galilee powerful in the Spirit. News that he was back spread through the countryside. He taught in their meeting places to everyone’s acclaim and pleasure.

# Deep Sheet

A Place for Your Notes

What was the biggest test or challenge you’ve had lately?

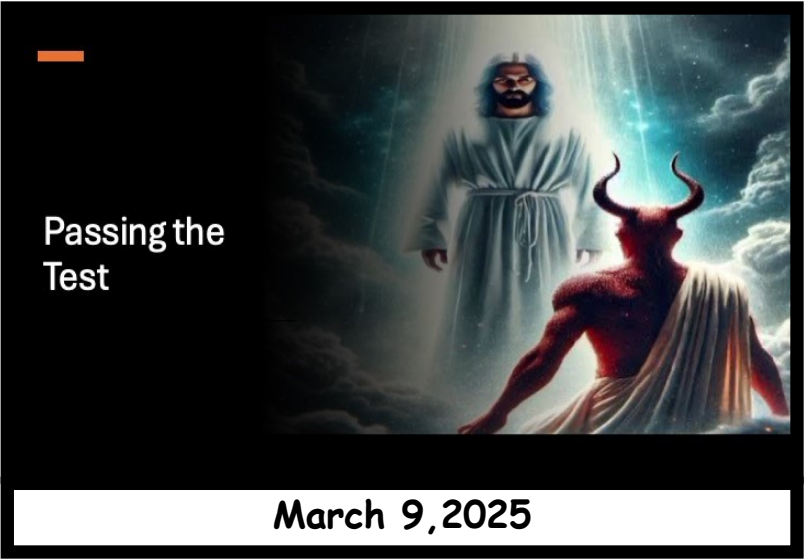
Why do you suppose Jesus had to be tested?

What good does testing do?

Other Notes:

## March Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	Su	John 3			2 Chronicles 21	
10	Mo	John 4			2 Chronicles 22	
11	Tu	John 5			2 Chronicles 23	
12	We	John 6			2 Chronicles 24	
13	Th	John 7			2 Chronicles 25	
14	Fr	John 8			2 Chronicles 26	
15	Sa	John 9			2 Chronicles 27	
16	Su	John 10			2 Chronicles 28	



## Laketon Bethel’s Core Values:

### A. ACCEPTANCE:

Everyone, regardless of who they are, what they have done, or what they are doing, will be accepted here. Laketon Bethel will be a safe place to explore your relationship with Jesus.

### B. BIBLE:

The teachings of Jesus, contained in the Bible, are the final authority for faith and practice. We will study these teachings with open minds and the best scholarship available.

### C. CONNECTION:

We invite people to connect with Jesus and with each other in all that we do.

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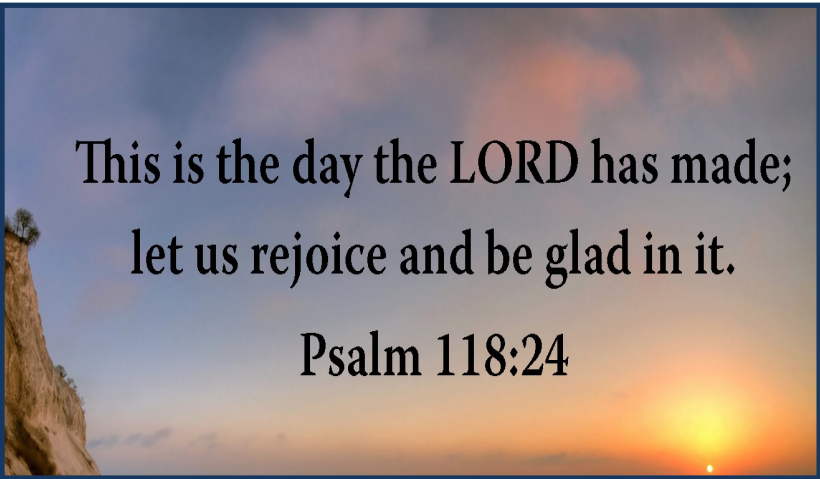
# Questions, Part 2

This is a new adult Bible study based on the questions you have asked. Put these dates on your calendar and hold on to your hat because we will be exploring some of the nitty-gritty topics addressed in Scripture.

## March 12

This final session will be a potluck with “preacher’s pork” and time to discuss the next Bible Study.

For this session we will talk about “The Hell Debate: Does hell exist?” Does God mandate unending torment of the wicked? Do we simply cease to exist after we die if we reject Jesus?



**Special Senior: Larry Cone**

*Please sign the card located on the table in the entryway.*

## Announcements

**Jr. High J.A.M.** Students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> and up are welcome to enjoy a lesson during the Crosstalk the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. We started a new study that’s focused on answering the question Jesus asked his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” Our Jr. High JAM group will also get together during our time to support Hand2Hand.

**Women’s Divorce Group** We’re offering a women’s support group this Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Park Meadows. We will gather in the small meeting room on the east end. For any questions, please contact Heather Wilke at (231) 215-8593.



## Service Opportunities

**Nursery Help** We are in need of nursery helpers for the Second Service. If interested, please see Sally or Tina.

**Sacred Suds** Sacred Suds is an organization that helps the homeless. It offers showers, laundry, technology and housing by appointment. They are in need of many items and the list is on the table in the entryway. For any questions, please see Lois Cordle or call her at 286-5700.



## Volunteers

- 1<sup>st</sup> Service Coffee Server: Ed Kawaleski
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server: Mark Gaultney
- 1<sup>st</sup> Service Nursery: Joann Petroski
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Nursery: Tina Dadd & Chelsea Deblock

## Order of Worship-9:00am

- Gathering Song
- “God Is in Control”
- Call to Worship
- “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
- Welcome & Announcements
- Congregational Prayer
- Worship in Song
- “Til the Storm Passes By”
- “Under His Wings”
- Crosstalk - “Passing the Test”
- Offering
- “Even in the Valley”
- Benediction
- “Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”



## Order of Worship-11:00am

- Gathering Song
- “House of the Lord”
- Call to Worship
- “God So Loved”
- Welcome & Announcements
- Congregational Prayer
- Worship in Song
- “Holy Forever”
- “What a Beautiful Name/Agnus Dei”
- Crosstalk - “Passing the Test”
- Offering
- “Old Church Choir”
- Benediction
- “The Blessing”