

Jesus: The true Son of God has authority over all things
Luke 4:1-13

Questions for Study and Reflection

1. How do we know what Luke is trying to teach us about Jesus in these passages? What was it that Satan was trying to get Jesus to prove (see Luke 3:38, 4:3; 4:9b)?
2. Did Jesus prove to Satan that he was the Son of God? What did Jesus do that proved this?
3. Jesus fights the attacks of Satan by quoting 3 verses and they are all from Deuteronomy. Who was Jesus comparing himself to as he proved he is the Son of God?
4. Consider Exodus 17:7. Why do you think the Israelites eventually gave in and said "is God among us or not?" What are they saying about God when they say this? Is this what Jesus did in the wilderness? Do you have the kind of knowledge of God's will to put your trust in him completely?
5. Which verse did Satan quote? Why was this one particularly spelling out his own demise? See Psalm 91, Luke 10:18-19.
6. Why is it impossible for Satan to quote *any* Scripture to his benefit (see 2 Tim 3:16-17, Heb 4:12, Psalm 29, John 1:1-5)?
7. Because God's plan to establish his kingdom is revealed in the Bible and it also spells out the defeat of Sin and Satan what does it mean for the importance of reading and knowing the Bible well? What role will the Bible have in keeping us on the right path (is it optional or essential to read the Bible regularly)?