THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

Luke 4:1–13

Key Verse: 4:4

1. As this chapter opens, how is Jesus described? (1a; cf. 3:21,22) What did the Spirit lead him to experience? (1b–2a) How is he described? (2b) How did the devil tempt him first, and what did this mean? (3) How is this a temptation we all still face today?
2. Read verse 4 and compare with Deuteronomy 8:2–3. What does it mean to “live…on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD”? How can we learn to live based on this truth, and why should we?
3. How is the devil’s next temptation described? (5–7) How might we, too, be tempted in this way? Read verse 8 and compare with Deuteronomy 6:13. What does it mean to do this, and how can we live like this?
4. What was the devil’s final temptation, and what was the point of this? (9–11) How might this temptation come to us also? Read verse 12 and compare with Deuteronomy 6:16. What does this show us about Jesus, and how can we imitate him in this?
5. Review how Jesus resisted each of the devil’s temptations (4,8,12; compare with Eph6:17). What can we learn from him? Why did he face these temptations before beginning his ministry, and what does this mean to us?