

# OTHER TEMPTATIONS OF JESUS

## Introduction

- 1) **Luke 4:1-13** – Satan’s temptations of Jesus in the wilderness
  - a) Satan was unsuccessful; Jesus taught us to be prepared, know God’s word, and resist Satan; we overcome temptation by putting God and His word first in our daily lives
  - b) Satan “departed from Him *until an opportune time*” (v. 13)
    - i) Satan planned to tempt Jesus again! There would be other temptations of Jesus
- 2) All through the life of Jesus, Satan tempted Jesus to do evil (see Lk. 22:28)
  - a) Jesus was “in all points tempted as we are” (Heb. 4:15)
- 3) There are other times Jesus faced temptation – we can learn from these also

## **I) The Temptation to Bask in Human Popularity**

- A) Jesus was very popular in Galilee (Mk. 1:32-39)
  - 1) Whole city gathered; everyone looking for Him (vv. 33, 37)
  - 2) Got away alone and prayed; remembered His mission – preaching (vv. 35, 38)
- B) People were ready to make Jesus king (Jn. 6:14-15)
  - 1) Again Jesus departs to be alone; avoided basking in human popularity (cf. Matt. 16:23)
- C) We must be careful to please God, not men (1 Thess. 2:3-6; Gal. 1:10); popularity is alluring
  - 1) Earthly popularity rarely equals godly approval (Lk. 6:26; Jn. 15:19)

## **II) The Temptation to Soften His Exposure of Error**

- A) After exposing the hypocritical error of the scribes and Pharisees, the disciples inform Jesus that His words offended the Pharisees (Matt. 15:1-12)
  - 1) Were they embarrassed? Did they want Jesus to soften his criticism?
  - 2) We can be tempted to “dial it back” or cease our exposure of sin and error when others express feelings of embarrassment or uncomfortableness
- B) Jesus rightly rejected all temptations to soften His preaching, and continued to warn about the spiritual danger of error and false teachers (vv. 13-14; Eph. 5:11; 2 Tim. 4:2)

## **III) The Temptation to Fight Back Against Persecution**

- A) Jesus suffered severe and wrongful persecution (Matt. 26:67-68; 27:27-31)
  - 1) Endured such sufferings as an example to us (1 Pet. 2:18-23)
  - 2) Did not give in to temptation to abuse and threaten those who mistreated Him
- B) We are to endure sufferings as Christians in the same way (1 Pet. 4:19; Matt. 5:38-42)
  - 1) Resist the temptation to fight religious persecution with carnal weapons and ungodly threats (2 Cor. 10:3-4)

## **IV) The Temptation to Ignore the Needy and Helpless**

- A) Jesus healed lepers (Lk. 5:12-14; 17:11-19) and the blind (Matt. 9:27-31)
- B) Jesus taught and fed multitudes of common people (Mk. 6:34ff)
- C) Jesus blessed the little children (Mk. 10:13-16)
- D) We can be tempted to ignore or forget to pay attention to those most needy and weak in our world – a kind word and a saving message can change lives for the better

## Conclusion

Jesus was “in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin” (Heb. 4:15). He is our perfect example as we seek the way of escape from our temptations (1 Cor. 10:13).