

LUKE 4 vs 1

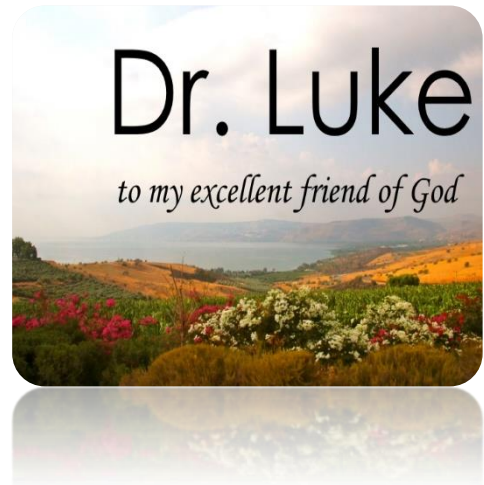
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The previous verse just spoke of Jesus' genealogy..., who was the son of Adam -- the first Adam, who was the son of God.

¹And Jesus being full of the Holy Spirit returned from the Jordan / where He had just identified with sinners in John's baptism, and John's call for a change of mind and thinking correctly... about the kingdom of God.

And now, Jesus the second Adam -- the promised Messiah in His first act is bold and confrontational as He begins to fulfill the reason why He came. We know Jesus came to fulfill the Father's will. John wrote, He came to destroy the works of the devil; He came, the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world; that takes away the sins of the world.



**And Jesus being full of the Holy Spirit returned from the Jordan,
and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,**

² Being forty days, / it rained 40 days... and we don't even know **what happened in Noah's ark**. He was in the wilderness 40 days, and we have a half page of what happened. He rose from the dead and was seen 40 days before the ascension, and we only have a handful of pages as to what took place. Obviously at these times of testing, God has packed into every verse all we need to know, if we pay close attention.

Being forty days tempted by the devil. And in those days, He ate nothing: and when they had ended, He was hungry.

ROUND ONE...

³ Now... the devil / the father of lies,

said to Him, **If You are the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.**

Now the devil isn't going to tempt any of us saying something like that; he's not that stupid; he obviously knew who Jesus was. The gospels record how unique Jesus is. Even the father of lies... knows that.

⁴ And Jesus answered him,

It is written, man will **not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.**

Touché! The score: **JESUS-1: devil-nothing!** All these stories are highly compressed. We do not know how long these encounters lasted.

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ROUND TWO...

⁵ **And he / the devil, taking Him to a high mountain, showed Him all the provinces of the world in a moment of time / how did he do that? We do not know.**

⁶ **And the devil said to Him, All this power / really, the Lord GOD has all the power; and His creation is powerless without Him.**

Here, the devil said...

All this province and the glory of it... I will give You: for to me it has been delivered.

Now here is something interesting. Jesus came to be our Scapegoat! Read about it in Leviticus 16. There were two goats; one was a sacrifice for sin to the Lord. The other goat... the Scapegoat... wasn't a sacrifice; it was like the garbage truck transferring the trash... what the devil called 'the power and glory' of his splendid provinces. You know... those splendid Hitlers found in every society? Leaving glorious greed and hopelessness and destruction and death on every street corner! The proposal sounds tempting; sounds alluring... doesn't it?! BLAMP!

The Scapegoat took all the trash to Azazel's mountain.

In the scripture, all we read is that the Scapegoat was led out by a competent person... into the wilderness. In fact, in rabbinical literature we read, It was led out 12 miles from the Temple; 10 temporary booths were set-up along the way; and the person leading the Scapegoat was asked at each station, **Are you hungry?**... to which he replied each time, **NO!** And kept going! When they finally got to the mountain -- by the way, that mountain is called: Azazel's mountain, or devil's mountain.

That's where the leader took the Scapegoat to a precipice... and pushed it over, watching it tumble to its destruction. And at that moment, people along the route waved prayer shawls and scarves announcing: **It is finished!** And the celebration began. They say you could hear the joyous festivities from the Temple area... miles away! But back to the devil...the father of lies... with his tempting proposition to Jesus... of glorious trash. he says...

and to whomever I want... I will give it.

⁷ **So if You worship before me, all will be Yours / and the devil sounds like he is a victim of Alzheimer disease forgetting who he is talking to; the One who made all things, and without Him was not one thing made; John wrote: He came to His own – what He came to belongs to Him – John 1.**



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⁸ **And Jesus sizing up the situation, said to him, Get behind Me Satan** / this phrase is not found in modern bibles based on what the roman church claims are recent found evidence of the oldest bibles; but it is found in some of the ancient bibles including the Arabic bible; so, let's hear it again.

Get behind Me Satan / you can only imagine, such an ugly faced freak. was not what the Lord of glory cared to have in view.

It is written, You will worship the Lord your God, and Him only will you serve. / **Score: JESUS-2: devil-zero!**

ROUND THREE...

⁹ **Now he brought Him to Jerusalem, and set Him on a pinnacle of the Temple** / the father of lies brought JESUS...to the temple in the city,

and the father of lies said to Him, If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here / and watch how stupid the devil is, **quoting from Psalm 91**... the father of lies says...

¹⁰ **It is written** / as if JESUS -- the Word of GOD from the beginning... doesn't know what He said.

It is written: He will give His angels charge over you, to keep you / edit: words omitted;

¹¹ **And in their hands, they will bear you up, lest at any time** / edit: words added...

you dash your foot against a stone / edit: more words omitted. The verse actually continues... you will tread upon the lion and the adder, the young lion and the dragon... you will kick the crap out of ... and squash their head... or trample under your feet! Something like that.

¹² **And Jesus answering said to him,**

It is said, You will not tempt the Lord your God.

Score: JESUS-3: devil-zero! Jesus came to crush the head of the serpent.

¹³ **And when the devil ended all these temptations, he departed from Him for a season** / he just backed off for a while; because the devil is too stupid to know he's been defeated!

¹⁴ **And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee: and from there His reputation went through all the region.**

¹⁵ **And He taught in their synagogues, being praised by all** / everybody' was boasting about this Guy! JESUS was... the talk of the town!

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