

A watercolor illustration of a coastal town. In the foreground, there are rolling green hills with some trees. In the middle ground, a town is built on a hillside, featuring a prominent lighthouse with a white tower and a dark top. To the left, a sea stack rises from the water. The sky is filled with soft, white and blue clouds. The overall style is soft and artistic, with visible brushstrokes and a warm color palette.

The Gospel of

Luke

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# The Wilderness

*“Remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.” (Deuteronomy 8:2)*

*“Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” (Luke 3:21-22)*

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## Luke 4:3-4

3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” 4 And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’”



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## Luke 4:5-7

5 And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, 6 and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

## Luke 4:8

8 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'"

## Luke 4:9-11

9 And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’ 11 and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

## Luke 4:12-13

12 And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13 And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The devil is calling into question  
Jesus' identity AND God's  
goodness, power, and care.

*“And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.” (Deuteronomy 8:3)*

Satan says a son ought to see their  
every bodily need and desire  
satisfied.

Jesus says a true son clings to the  
will of God as his source of  
unquenchable life.

*“It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you—for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.” (Deuteronomy 6:13-15)*



Satan says a son ought to take charge,  
be impressive, and secure his glory.

Jesus says a true son elevates God,  
and not himself. He refuses to  
compromise God's way even for  
God's ends. He is patient, long-  
suffering, self-forgetful.

Satan says a son receives conclusive  
proof that his personal safety is  
secure.

Jesus says a true son doesn't test  
God; he trusts Him.

"Every time the Devil opened his mouth Jesus threw Scripture in his mouth. He hit him over and over and over with the Scripture. And guess what happened? The Devil ran. And guess what you can do beginning right now? You don't have to take it, you don't have to take his mess, you don't have to take his stuff, hit him! All you have to do is take out your Bible and say, 'Where are you, devil? Come on, devil. Let's get it on.' Hit him. He's defeated. Our Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hit that devil with the word." (Hill)

*“I have stored up your word in my heart,  
that I might not sin against you.”*

*(Psalm 119:11)*

*“Faith comes from hearing, and hearing  
through the word of Christ.”*

(Romans 10:17)

*“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth. It shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”*

*(Isaiah 55:10-11)*

## Luke 4:13

13 And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*“‘Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.’ And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.”*

*(Luke 22:42-43)*