LUKE 3:21– 4:13

3:21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and
was praying, the heavens were opened, 22 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." 23 Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of
age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli, 24 the son of Matthat,
the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, 25 the son of
Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, 26 the
son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of
Joda, 27 the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of
Shealtiel, the son of Neri, 28 the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the
son of Elmadam, the son of Er, 29 the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim,
the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, 30 the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of
Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim, 31 the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the
son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, 32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed,
the son of Boaz, the son of Sala, the son of Nahshon, 33 the son of Amminadab, the son
of Admin, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, 34 the
son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of
Nahor, 35 the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of

Shelah, [36] the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, [37] the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, [38] the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God. [4:1] And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness [2] for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. [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.'" [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." [8] And Jesus answered him, "It is written, '"You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."' [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."' [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.

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EXPLORING THE PASSAGE

- Read the passage several times, slowly and attentively.
- Write down the context of the passage. What happens immediately before and after? Where does it fit within the overall message of Luke's Gospel?
- Divide the passage into thought units and give each section a short descriptive title.
- Circle, mark, or underline your observations about the content of the passage:
    - Who are the major characters? What are their descriptions and activities?
    - What are the primary events? How are they described?
    - What Old Testament references or allusions appear? Read each reference in its original context and consider the connection with this passage. (Note: Deuteronomy 6:13–16; 8:3; Psalm 2:7; 91:11–12.)
    - Define any key concepts (for example, baptism).
    - What literary connections do you notice that help you understand the author's message (repetition, comparison, conditional statements, images)?
    - Is there anything that seems unexpected or unusual in the passage
- What is significant about Jesus' baptism and the events surrounding it?
- What is significant about the ways Satan tempts Jesus? In what ways are they temptations?
- What is significant about the way Jesus responds?
- Why do you think Luke includes the genealogy where he does?
- Summarize the main point of this passage in one or two sentences. What is God's personal word for you from this text, and how will you respond?