

# Jesus Is...

## The Deliverer

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### Luke 4:1–13 (NIV84)

*1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'" 5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 So if you worship me, it will all be yours." 8 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" 9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. 10 For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; 11 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" 12 Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.*

### Colossians 2:15 (NIV84)

*15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

We see in these two passages first the winning of a battle, then the winning of the war.

The way you respond to temptation declares whether you believe in Christ's Victory.

His Victory is Ours.

Our battle belongs to Him, His Victory belongs to us.

The Three Temptations are the categories into which every temptation falls:

- The Lust of the Flesh
- The Lust of the Eye
- The Pride of Life

They are Body, Soul, and Spirit based temptations.

1. Is My Body (Flesh), Greek word “Sarx,” Submitted to God?
  - Do I rule my stomach, or does my stomach rule me? Eat to live or live to eat?
  - Am I free from sexual immorality- even the hint of it?

Ephesians 5:3 (NIV84)

*3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.*

2. Is My Soul (Psuche) submitted to God?
  - Do I rule my emotions, or do they rule me?
  - Am I controlling my thoughts or do they run wild in my head?
3. Is My Spirit submitted to God?
  - Is there something I boast in or enjoy more than God?
  - Who or what competes for your first love the most?

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### **Church Announcements:**

1. **Wednesday Night Small Group, “Stay Positive”**  
Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. from May 3 to June 7
2. **Girls Ministries Mother/Daughter Tea, Saturday, May 13 @ 10 AM**  
LIMITED SEATING! Tickets are \$5/person and MUST be purchased now to reserve a seat! (No tickets available at the door.)
3. **Baby Dedication, May 21.** Call the church for more info (804) 642-2752.
4. **New Friends Lunch, May 21** after the 10 a.m. service in the Family Life Center.