

## Satan's Subtle Schemes Luke 4:1-13

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Temptation  
to Goodness

### Temptation in the Desert:

- **What kind of Saviour will Jesus become?**
- **Satan tries to redefine the identity and mission of Jesus.**
- **The temptation is to practical goodness.**



#### **1. Jesus is tempted to turn stones into bread.**

**Q: Will Jesus be the kind of Saviour who uses his supernatural powers to bring immediate relief to himself and to others?**

**The temptation to be \_\_\_\_\_.**

#### **2. Jesus is tempted to rule all the kingdoms of the world.**

**Q: Will Jesus be the kind of Saviour who uses his supernatural powers to be a political and military leader?**

**The temptation to be \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**3. Jesus is tempted to become the centre of Jewish religion.**

**Q: Will Jesus be the kind of Saviour who uses his supernatural powers to make his identity obvious to people?**

The temptation to be \_\_\_\_\_.

**These are all temptations to practical goodness.**

**But they do not \_\_\_\_\_!**

**Jesus faced the temptation to put rational goodness ahead of what may appear to be irrational faithfulness to God.**

**Adam and Eve faced the same temptation in the Garden of Eden.**

**We all face this temptation.**

**Each one of us acts out of our personal and cultural perception of what is good and what is evil.**

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**As people of God's Kingdom, we are called to put faithfulness to Jesus before practical goodness.**

**We are called to follow the radical, revolutionary Jesus in ways that may not be practical or normal.**

**Authentic faithfulness to Jesus is going to look weird to our culture.**

**Put faithfulness to the person and mission of Jesus ahead of everything else (including the pursuit of practical goodness).**