# Home Group Study 2: Luke 4:1-13: Temptation of Jesus

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**Recap:** What has Luke told us about Jesus so far?

## Listen

Read Luke 4:1-13

1. Why do you think, after such a public affirmation at his baptism, that Jesus heads for the desert?
2. Why 40 days? What does that remind you of?
3. What are the three areas into which Jesus is tempted? How does that help us spot temptation coming our way?
4. What is the common theme to his answer? How does that help us when facing temptation?
5. So what to do when Satan starts using the Bible itself to tempt Jesus? How does he/we respond to that?
6. How does Jesus succeed where Israel fails?
7. How does that point us towards the sweep of God’s salvation plan throughout the Bible?

## Make it real

1. How more certain of what you believe are you having seen Jesus stand up to temptation? (Do bear in mind that, even though he is fully God, he is also fully man – this would not have been easy for him at all!)
2. Revisit the introductory question – has your answer changed/not changed? How can you as a group help each other know the Bible well enough to fight temptation with it?

## Prayer ideas

* Praise God that Jesus is the true Israel – for living the perfect life we could not
* Praise God for his clear and present word, that speaks into all manner of situations we face.
* Pray through some of the temptations we may face to turn from Christ – pray for one another as appropriate

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