



The Perfect Man

Why Jesus? – Part 2

Luke 4:1-13

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Q: What made Jesus perfect?

Q: What does Jesus' perfection have to do with us?

Luke 4:1-13 *And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness² 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.*

I. Jesus was: _____.

¹Peter 2:22-23 *He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.*

A. Lamb of God – (Exod 12:5; John 1:29; 1 Pet. 1:18–19)

B. Second Adam (Rom.5:19, 1 Cor 15:45)

C. Messiah (Jer 31:31-34; Isaiah 9:6)

II. Jesus can: _____.

A. We are not righteous (perfect).

Isaiah 53:6 *We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Romans 3:10-12 *as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."*

B. Jesus fixes our unrighteousness (sin).

1. Becoming like us.

Hebrews 2:17-18 ¹⁷*For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

2. Suffering for us.

Romans 5:6-8 *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Point:



Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What is the longest you have ever gone without food? How do you typically respond when you are extremely hungry?
2. Is temptation necessary for our growth as disciples?
3. How do you deal with temptation?
4. When was a time in life when you were tested and how did you handle it?
5. Where are you most susceptible to temptation right now? How are you preparing to withstand it?
6. What can we learn from Jesus about how we can resist the temptation to sin?