

# Jesus' Second Temptation in the Wilderness

John 6

## Luke 4:1–4 (NKJV)

Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, **2** being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. **3** And the devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” **4** But Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’ ”

## Luke 4:13 (NKJV)

Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

## John 6:1–3 (NKJV)

After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. **2** Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. **3** And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

# Like the First Temptation...

- It was in the wilderness

## Luke 9:12 (NKJV)

When the day began to wear away, the twelve came and said to Him, “Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding towns and country, and lodge and get provisions; for **we are in a deserted place here.**”

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## John 6:4–9 (NKJV)

Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. **5** Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” **6** But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. **7** Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.” **8** One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, **9** “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?”



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## Luke 4:9–12 (NKJV)

Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, 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 shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,’ **11** and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’ ” **12** And Jesus answered and said to him, “It has been said, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’ ”

## John 6:10–14 (NKJV)

Then Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. **11** And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. **12** So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.” **13** Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. **14** Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

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## Luke 4:5–8 (NKJV)

Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. **6** And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. **7** Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.” **8** And Jesus answered and said to him, “Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ”

## John 6:14-15 (NKJV)

Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”  
15 Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

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- There was an opportunity to prove He was the Son of God by a divine miracle
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- He overcame by submitting Himself to the Father's will in all things

## Mark 6:45–46 (NKJV)

Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away. **46** And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray.



# Jesus shows us

- How to overcome temptation

# Jesus' Tools for Overcoming Temptation

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“You shall not tempt the LORD your God.”

“You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.”

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- How to be fully committed to the will of the Father