

The Qualified Savior **Luke 4:1-44**

I. Approved in Testing – 4:1-13

1. Jesus is approved by God – 3:21-22
At His baptism Holy Spirit descended on Him
God said that He was well pleased
2. Led by the Spirit to the wilderness – 4:1-2
Adam failed the test under ideal conditions
Jesus is tested under most stressful conditions
He is in the wilderness for 40 days
Satan has access to Him to tempt Him
He had nothing to eat for 40 days – He is hungry
Will He respond to Satan or follow God's Word?
3. Test one – You can meet your needs – 3
As the Son of God you have power to act
You can turn these stones into bread
4. Jesus' response – 4
Quote from Deuteronomy 8:3
Trusting God to provide is more important than
acting against His Word or out of His will
5. Test two – a short cut to your goal – 5-7
Satan offers Him the kingdoms of this world
Satan is the god of this world – 2 Cor. 4:4
He can turn this over to Jesus right at this point
Jesus just needs to bow in worship to Satan
6. Jesus' response to test two - 8
Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 10:20
As he turns from Satan, He will worship God
Worship belongs to God and God alone
7. Test three – Test God's promises – 9-11
As God's Son He will protect you if you jump
Satan supports this with Psalm 91:11-12
8. Jesus' response to this test – 12
Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:16
We are to trust God not see if He will respond
9. Satan ends tests having failed – 13
Does not mean there could be later tests
But Jesus is proven to qualify as our Savior

II. Proven in Ministry – 4:14-30

1. Pattern of His ministry – 14-15
Ministers in the power of the Holy Spirit – 14
Consistently wherever He went
He taught in their synagogues – 15
He worked within the Jewish order
People responded to His ministry
2. Example of His ministry – 16-21
In His home synagogue at Nazareth – 16
He read from the Scriptures – Isaiah – 17-19
Isaiah spoke of Messiah's ministry
He declared fulfillment of this prophecy – 20-21
3. Response to His ministry – 22
People were amazed at His gracious words
But they were troubled because they knew Him
He was just the carpenter's son

4. Jesus notes their unbelief – 23-27
They will not believe without miracles - 23
Do what we heard you did in other places
Prophets are often rejected at home – 24-27
God did miracles for believing Gentiles in O.T.
Widow in Sidon during famine – 24-26
Leper from Syria – Naaman – 27
5. People respond in anger – 28-30
Anger perhaps because of Gentile reference
They put Him out of the city
They tried to throw Him off the cliff
He escaped from them
“Passed through the midst of them” - a miracle?

III. Power in Ministry – 4:31-44

1. Continued His teaching ministry – 31-32
Taught in synagogue at Capernaum
They saw power in His words
2. Ministry was proven with signs – 33-41
Cast out demons in man in synagogue – 33-35
Demons knew who He was – 34
Jesus could not accept their testimony – 35
He cast them out of the man
People amazed at His power over demons – 36
His fame spread around the country – 37
Healed the sick and cast out demons – 38-41
Peter's Mother-in-law – 38-39
Many others of various diseases – 40
Cast out others' demon-possessed – 41
3. Moved on to other places – 42-44
People did not want Him to leave
But His mission must continue