

1. Condemnation

We don't measure up to Jesus

Jesus passes the test which Adam & Israel failed

2. Identification

Jesus measures up for us

Jesus identifies with us in his baptism

When we are 'in Christ' we pass the test
(Romans 5: 12-21)

3. (Overcoming) Temptation

Jesus was one of us

If we are 'in Christ' then we can overcome
temptation too

Loved by the Father, filled with the Holy Spirit,
armed with the Word of God

Scripture Sleuths

Group 1 – Matthew vs. Luke?

Compare Matthew 1: 1 – 17 (p 955) with Luke 3: 23 – 37 (p 1016)

Q1: What differences do you notice?

Q2: How would you answer those who claim that Luke contradicts Matthew?

Q3: What do the differences tell you about what Luke wants to highlight? (e.g. look at Luke 3: 31 and Luke 3: 37) What is the theme that links our entire section? (i.e. Luke 3: 22, 37 & Luke 4: 3, 9)

Group 2 – Temptation of Jesus (Luke 4: 1-13)

Q1: Look down to the footnotes at the bottom of the page of your bible. Each time Jesus answers the devil he does so by quoting from the bible. Which book of the bible does he quote from each time?

Q2: What does the desert and the 40 days make you think of in Luke 4: 1-2, p 1017? (see Deuteronomy 8: 2, p 180) Compare the test results between Jesus and the Israelites?

Group 3 – The temptation of all humanity (1 John 2: 16)

Q1: How does the Apostle John sum up human temptations in 1 John 2: 16 (p 1208)? (List the three temptations.) How does this list compare with the three temptations Jesus faced in Luke 4?

Q2: Read Genesis 3: 6 (p 3). Compare the three temptations Eve (and Adam) faced with 1 John 2: 16.