



DIVINE PATERNITY TESTS

LUKE 4:1-13 BIBLE STUDY

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CONTEXT SON OF GOD



- He will be great and will be called the **Son of the Most High**. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.” (Lk 1:32-33, NIV)
- 48 When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “**Son**, why have you treated us like this? Your **father and I** have been anxiously searching for you.”
49 “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my **Father’s** house?” (Lk 2:48-49, NIV)
- 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from **heaven**: “You are **my Son**, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” (Lk 3:21-22, NIV)
- the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the **son of God**. (Lk 3:38, NIV)



CONTEXT: LUKAN EMPHASIS ON JERUSALEM



- 30 Two men, **Moses** and **Elijah**, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. 31 They spoke about his departure [$\xi\xi\omicron\delta\omicron\varsigma$ | *exhodos*], which he was about to bring to fulfillment at **Jerusalem** (Lk 9:30-31, NIV)
- 51 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for **Jerusalem** (Lk 9:51, NIV)
- surely no prophet can die outside **Jerusalem!** (Lk 13:33b, NIV)
- 31 Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to **Jerusalem**, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. 32 He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; 33 they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.” (Lk 18:31-33, NIV cf. 13:22, 17:11, 19:26; Edwards, 126)



CONTEXT: LUKAN EMPHASIS ON JERUSALEM



- 50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to **Jerusalem** with great joy. 53 And they stayed continually at the **temple**, praising God. (Lk 24:50-53, NIV)



DIVINE PATERNITY TEST #1 LUKE 4:1-4

- 1 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit, into the wilderness, 2 being tempted forty days by the devil. He did not eat anything in those days, and when they came to an end, He was famished. 3 The devil said to Him, “If you are the **Son** of God, tell this rock to become bread.” 4 And Jesus answered him, “It has been written: **One shall not live on bread on alone**” [Dt 8:3] (Lk 4:1-4, AT)



LUKE 4:1-4 (ANOTHER) WILDERNESS TEST

- “At the end of **forty** days they returned from exploring the land.” (Num 13:25, NIV)
- 22 not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and **tested** me ten times—23 not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors.”(Num 14:22-23, NIV)
- 34 For **forty** years—one year for each of the **forty** days you explored the land—you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.’ 35 I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will surely do these things to this whole wicked community, which has banded together against me. They will meet their end in this **wilderness**; here they will die. (Num 14:34-35, NIV)



LUKE 4:1-4 (ANOTHER) FORTY DAY FAST



- 27 Then the LORD said to **Moses**, “Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.” 28 Moses was there with the LORD **forty** days and **forty** nights **without eating** bread or **drinking** water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant—the Ten Commandments. (Ex 34:27-28, NIV)
- 9 When I went up on the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant that the LORD had made with you, I stayed on the mountain **forty** days and **forty** nights; **I ate no bread** and **drank no water**. (Dt. 9:9, NIV)



LUKE 4:1-4 (ANOTHER) FORTY DAY FAST(?)



- 5 Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an **angel** touched him and said, “Get up and eat.” 6 He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.
- 7 The **angel** of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” 8 So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled **forty** days and **forty** nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. (1 Ki 19:5-8, NIV)



LUKE 4:1-4 FOOD TESTS



- 4 Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will **test** [LXX: πειράζω | *peirazō*] them and see whether they will follow my instructions (Ex 16:4, NIV)
- 2 Remember how the **LORD** your God **led** you all the way in the **wilderness** these **forty years**, to humble and **test** [LXX: πειράζω | *peirazō*] you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. 3 He humbled you, causing you to **hunger** and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that **man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD** (Dt. 8:3, NIV)



DIVINE PATERNITY TEST #1 LUKE 4:1-4



- 22 Then say to Pharaoh, ‘This is what the **LORD** says: **Israel is my firstborn son**, 23 and I told you, ‘Let **my son** go, so he may worship me.’ (Ex 4:22-23a, NIV)
- the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of **Adam**, the **son of God**. (Lk 3:38, NIV)
- ‘**My food**,’ said Jesus, ‘is to **do the will of him who sent me** and to finish his work.’ (Jn 4:34, NIV)



DIVINE PATERNITY TEST #2 LUKE 4:5-8



- 5 Then he [the devil] took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in an instant of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, “To you I will give this entire domain and their glory, because to me it has been granted, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 Thus, if you worship before me, it will all be yours.” 8 And Jesus answered him, “It has been written: **You shall worship the LORD your God and serve Him only**” [Dt 6:13] (Lk 4:5-8, AT)



LUKE 4:5-8 DEVILISH DOMINION

- We know that we are **children** of God, and that the **whole world** is under the control of **the evil one**. (1 Jn 5:19, NIV)
- The **god of this age** [the devil] has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God (2 Cor 4:4, NIV)
- 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of **the ruler of the kingdom of the air**, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient (Eph 2:2, NIV; cf. Jn 12:31-32; 14:30, 16:11; Dn 4:32, 10:13; Job 1:12)



LUKE 4:5-8 KINGDOM OF GOD



- 33 In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, 34 “Go away! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? **Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!**” (Lk 4:33-34, NIV)
- Blessed is the one who perseveres under **trial** because, having stood the **test**, that person will receive the **crown of life** that the Lord has promised to those who love him. (Jas 1:12, NIV)
- 7 I will proclaim the LORD’s decree: / He said to me, “You are **my son**; / today I have become your **father**. / 8 **Ask me**, / and I will make the **nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession**. (Ps 2:7-8, NIV; cf. Dn 7:13-14; Mt 28:18).



LUKE 4:5-8
WORSHIP THE LORD
ONLY



- Fear the LORD your God, **serve him only** (Dt 6:13a, NIV; cf. Ex 20:3).
- 4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with **all** your heart and with **all** your soul and with **all** your strength (Dt 6:4-5, NIV)



LUKE 4:5-8 WORSHIP THE LORD ONLY



- Then the LORD told me, “Go down from here at once, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have become corrupt. They have turned away quickly from what I **commanded** them and have made an **idol** for themselves.” (Dt 9:12, NIV)
- 5 The Israelites lived among the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 6 They took their daughters in marriage and gave their own daughters to their sons, and **served their gods** (Jdg 3:5-6, NIV)



DIVINE PATERNITY TEST #3 LUKE 4:9-12



- 9 He [the devil] led Him into **Jerusalem** and set Him on the pinnacle [wing] of the temple and said to Him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here. 10 For it has been written: “**He will command His angels concerning you to protect you [Ps 91:11]** 11 and that: “**On their hands they will lift you up, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone [Ps 91:12].**” 12 Jesus answered him: “It has been written, **you shall not put the Lord your God to the test**” [Dt 6:16]. (Lk 4:9-12, AT)



DIVINE PATERNITY TEST #3 PSALM 91 (NIV)

- 1 Whoever dwells in the **shelter** of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, **my God, in whom I trust.**”
- 3 Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence. 4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his **wings** you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. 5 You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, 6 nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. 7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. 8 You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.



DIVINE PATERNITY TEST #3 PSALM 91 (NIV)



- 9 If you say, “The LORD is my refuge,” and you make the Most High your dwelling, 10 no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. 11 **For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; 12 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.** 13 You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
- 14 “Because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. 15 He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”



LUKE 4:9-12 DON'T TEST GOD



- 3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock **die of thirst?** (Ex 17:3, NIV)
- 7 And he called the place **Massah** [which means **testing** (NIV mg.)] and Meribah [which means **quarreling** (NIV mg.)] because the Israelites **quarreled** and because they **tested** the LORD saying, “**Is the LORD among us or not?**” (Ex 17:7, NIV)
- Do not put the LORD your God to the **test** as you did at **Massah**. (Dt 6:16, NIV)



LUKE 4:13 UNTIL NEXT TIME



- And when the devil had finished every test, he departed from Him until an opportune time. (Lk 4:13, AT)



DIVINE PATERNITY TEST WHO'S OUR DADDY?



- Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children of God** (Jn 1:12, NIV)
- 9 No one who is **born of God** will **continue to sin**, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been **born of God**. 10 This is how we know who the **children of God are** and who the **children of the devil are**: Anyone who **does not do what is right is not God's child**, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister. (1 Jn 3:9-10, NIV)



DIVINE PATERNITY TEST WHO'S OUR DADDY?



- 37 I know that you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word. 38 I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you are doing what you have heard from **your father.**" 39 "Abraham is our father," they answered. "If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do what Abraham did. 40 As it is, you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. 41 You are doing the works of **your own father.**" "We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself."



DIVINE PATERNITY TEST WHO'S OUR DADDY?



- 42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. 43 Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44 You belong to **your father, the devil**, and you want to carry out **your father’s desires**. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for **he is a liar and the father of lies**. 45 Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!” (Jn 8:37-45,

NIV)