



## Sermon Notes: Paradise Regained

### 1. The method of Jesus' temptation.

- a. A test of provision.
- b. A test of priorities.
- c. A test of protection.
- d. All were tests of presumption.

### 2. The model of Jesus' temptation.

- a. You will face the same kinds of temptations as Jesus.
- b. You must fight temptation as Jesus did.
  - Jesus fought temptation with the Word of God, in the power of the Spirit of God, leaning on his confidence in the will of God.

### 3. The meaning of Jesus' temptation.

- a. Jesus was the true Son of God and son of man.
- b. Jesus was victorious where the first Adam and the first Israel had failed.
- c. Therefore Jesus alone can lead us back to Paradise.



## Application Questions: Paradise Regained

1. How did you practice real repentance this week? Give some examples of how you deliberately reoriented your mind. What fruit was produced in your life as evidence of this change?
2. Do you ever feel like temptation comes at the worst times – like when you're already tired, stressed, hungry, or in pain? Why do you think there's often a correlation?
3. Satan tempted Jesus to take shortcuts to get provisions, power, and protection on his own terms rather than waiting on the Father's timing and means. How are you tempted to make "God's will" happen on your own terms, in your own time?
4. Why do you think Jesus' first response to every temptation was to say, "It is written..."? What do you learn from this?
5. On the flip side of #4, Satan also quoted Scripture when tempting Jesus. What Scripture did he quote? What was he trying to get Jesus to do by citing this particular Scripture? So what's wrong with thinking you can "just quote the Bible" to resist temptation?
6. What's wrong with acting as if the main point of this story is "here's how you can overcome temptations in your life"? What is the main point – and how do you know that from the text?
7. Read Romans 5:12-21 and 1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 45. How do these inform the way you read and understand Luke 3:23-4:13? How is this even better news than Jesus giving you an example of how to resist temptation?
8. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. What does this have to do with Luke 3:23-4:13? Why do you get grace just because Jesus didn't sin when he was tempted? What's the connection?
9. What one thing do you need to do in response to this message? Specifically and concretely, how will you know if you're doing this? How will others know?