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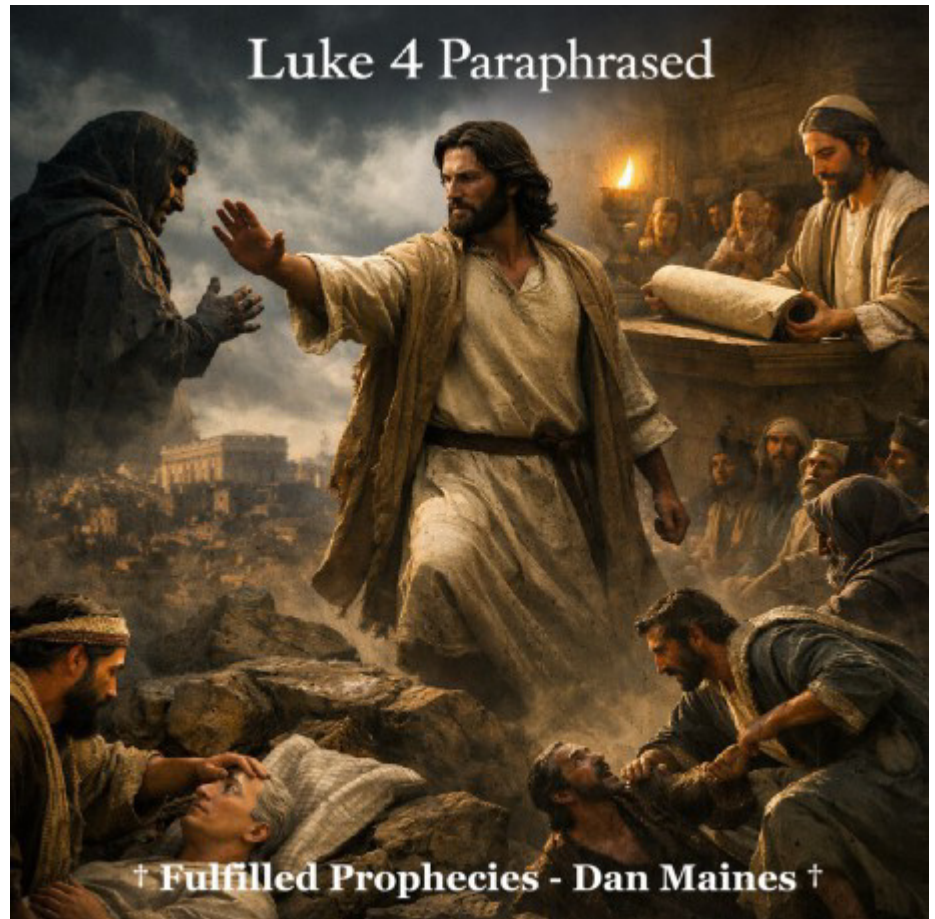
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## Luke 4 Paraphrased



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### Introduction

† This chapter shows Jesus being tested, declaring His mission, and proving His authority in Israel

† It reveals that the promised time of fulfillment had arrived in their generation

† It also shows rejection from His own people and power over demons and sickness

### Luke 4:1

Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by

the Spirit into the wilderness

† The Spirit leads Him into testing, showing this was part of God's plan (Matthew 4:1)

† This connects to Israel in the wilderness, but He succeeds where they failed (Deuteronomy 8:2)

† Irenaeus said Christ retraced Israel's steps and overcame where they fell

### **Luke 4:2**

He was there for forty days being tempted by the devil, and He ate nothing during that time, and when it ended He was hungry

† The forty days mirror Israel's forty years, showing a covenant testing pattern (Numbers 14:33)

† Hunger highlights His humanity, yet He remains obedient

† Eusebius noted this as preparation for His public ministry

### **Luke 4:3**

The devil said to Him, If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread

† The temptation challenges His identity and trust in God

† Satan attacks where there is physical weakness

† Tertullian wrote that the enemy always tests what God has declared

### **Luke 4:4**

Jesus answered him, It is written, Man shall not live on bread alone

† Jesus responds with Scripture, showing the authority of God's word (Deuteronomy 8:3)

† Life is sustained by God, not just physical provision

† Clement of Alexandria emphasized reliance on divine truth over material need

### **Luke 4:5**

And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the

world in a moment of time

† This represents worldly authority and dominion

† The offer is immediate power without suffering

† This reflects Satan's limited control over earthly systems

### **Luke 4:6**

And the devil said to Him, I will give You all this domain and its glory, for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whoever I wish

† Satan claims authority, but it's temporary and permitted

† This shows the corrupted state of the world

† Early writers noted this as a false shortcut to kingship

### **Luke 4:7**

Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours

† The temptation is idolatry in exchange for power

† This is a direct violation of the first commandment

† It reveals Satan's goal, worship

### **Luke 4:8**

Jesus answered and said to him, It is written, You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only

† Jesus stands firm on exclusive worship (Deuteronomy 6:13)

† Authority comes through obedience, not compromise

† Irenaeus taught that Christ restored true worship through obedience

### **Luke 4:9**

And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here

† The setting shifts to the temple, the center of Israel's worship

† This temptation targets public display and pride

† It challenges God's protection

### **Luke 4:10**

For it is written, He will command His angels concerning You to guard You

† Satan twists Scripture for deception (Psalm 91:11)

† This shows misuse of truth

† Early church fathers warned against taking Scripture out of context

### **Luke 4:11**

And, On their hands they will bear You up, so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone

† Partial truth is used to justify testing God

† Protection promises are not meant for reckless actions

### **Luke 4:12**

And Jesus answered and said to him, It is said, You shall not put the Lord your God to the test

† Jesus corrects misuse with proper application (Deuteronomy 6:16)

† Faith does not demand proof from God

† This reflects Israel's failure in the wilderness

### **Luke 4:13**

When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time

† The testing ends, but opposition continues

† This shows ongoing spiritual conflict

† Eusebius noted this marked the start of open ministry opposition

### **Luke 4:14**

And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district

† His ministry begins with power and recognition

† The Spirit empowers His work

† Fame spreads quickly

## **Luke 4:15**

And He began teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all

† Initially, He is accepted and honored

† Teaching was central to His mission

## **Luke 4:16**

And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read

† He returns to His hometown

† This sets up the coming rejection

† Synagogue reading was a normal teaching setting

## **Luke 4:17**

And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him, and He opened the book and found the place where it was written

† He intentionally selects a prophetic passage

† This shows fulfillment is about to be declared

## **Luke 4:18**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach good news to the poor, He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed

† This defines His mission from Isaiah 61

† It shows fulfillment happening in their time

† Irenaeus taught this proves Christ as the promised anointed one

## **Luke 4:19**

To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord

† This refers to Jubilee restoration

† It marks covenant fulfillment

## **Luke 4:20**

And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him

† All attention is on Him

† The moment of declaration is set

### **Luke 4:21**

And He began to say to them, Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing

† Fulfillment is present, not future

† This directly supports the fulfilled perspective

† Eusebius noted this as a clear time statement

### **Luke 4:22**

And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips, and they were saying, Is this not Joseph's son

† They admire Him but doubt His identity

† Familiarity leads to unbelief

### **Luke 4:23**

And He said to them, No doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, Physician, heal yourself, whatever we heard was done at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well

† They demand signs

† This shows unbelief seeking proof

### **Luke 4:24**

And He said, Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his hometown

† Rejection is expected

† This is a pattern in Israel's history

### **Luke 4:25**

But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah

† He reminds them of past rejection

† God worked outside Israel

### **Luke 4:26**

And yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow

† God's grace extended to Gentiles

† This challenges Jewish exclusivity

### **Luke 4:27**

And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian

† Again, Gentile inclusion

† This provokes anger

### **Luke 4:28**

And all the people in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things

† Truth exposes pride and leads to anger

† Rejection intensifies

### **Luke 4:29**

And they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff

† They attempt to kill Him

† This shows total rejection

### **Luke 4:30**

But passing through their midst, He went His way

† He escapes unharmed

† His time had not yet come

### **Luke 4:31**

And He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and He was teaching them on the Sabbath

† Ministry continues elsewhere

† Authority shifts locations

### **Luke 4:32**

And they were amazed at His teaching, for His message was with authority

† His authority is unmatched

† This contrasts with traditional teachers

### **Luke 4:33**

In the synagogue there was a man possessed by the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice

† Demonic presence is exposed

† Evil reacts to truth

### **Luke 4:34**

Let us alone, what business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth, have You come to destroy us, I know who You are, the Holy One of God

† Demons recognize His identity

† Spiritual authority is revealed

### **Luke 4:35**

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be quiet and come out of him, and when the demon had thrown him down in the midst of the people, he came out of him without doing him any harm

† Jesus commands with authority

† Deliverance is immediate

### **Luke 4:36**

And amazement came upon them all, and they began talking with one another saying, What is this message, for with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits and they come out

† The people recognize His power

† Authority confirms His identity

### **Luke 4:37**

And the report about Him was spreading into every locality in the surrounding district

† His fame continues to grow

### **Luke 4:38**

Then He got up and left the synagogue, and entered Simon's home, now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Him to help her

† Personal healing shows compassion

† His power extends beyond public ministry

### **Luke 4:39**

And standing over her, He rebuked the fever, and it left her, and she immediately got up and waited on them

† Immediate healing confirms authority

† Restoration is complete

### **Luke 4:40**

While the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to Him, and laying His hands on each one of them, He was healing them

† Healing continues widely

† His power is consistent

### **Luke 4:41**

Demons also were coming out of many, shouting, You are the Son of God, but rebuking them, He would not allow them to speak, because they knew Him to be the Christ

† He controls the revelation of His identity

† Demons testify but are silenced

### **Luke 4:42**

When day came, Jesus left and went to a secluded place, and the crowds were searching for Him, and came to Him and tried to keep Him from going away from them

† People seek Him for what He provides

† He doesn't stay in one place

### **Luke 4:43**

But He said to them, I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose

† His mission is broader than one location

† The kingdom message is central

### **Luke 4:44**

So He kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea

† His ministry continues throughout the region

† The message spreads across Israel

### **Historical References**

† Josephus records unrest and expectation of deliverance in this time

† Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*, affirms Christ fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy

† Eusebius, *Ecclesiastical History*, confirms early recognition of fulfillment

† Clement of Alexandria, *Stromata*, teaches Christ as the true teacher of righteousness

### **How It Applies To Us Today**

† Jesus already fulfilled the mission He declared, we're living in that completed reality

† We don't wait for deliverance, it's already been accomplished

† His authority over sin, death, and evil is already established

† We walk in the freedom He proclaimed, not in expectation of a future system

### **Q & A Appendix**

Q What did Jesus mean by Today this Scripture has been fulfilled

A He was declaring fulfillment in their present time, not a future age Luke 4:21

Q Why was He tempted in the wilderness

A To succeed where Israel failed and prove obedience

Deuteronomy 8:3

Q Why did the people reject Him in Nazareth

A Because familiarity led to unbelief Luke 4:24

Q What does His authority over demons show

A That the kingdom had already arrived Luke 4:36

Q Why did He silence the demons

A Because revelation of His identity followed God's timing Luke 4:41

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