

## Small Group questions for the week of January 22, 2023

Luke 3:21—4:13

1. While Jesus was praying the Spirit came down upon Him (Luke 3:21) and while the church was praying in the upper room the Spirit came down upon them (Acts 1:14, 2:1). What does this tell us about the significance of prayer for the church? See also Acts 4:31.

2. One purpose of Jesus' baptism was that He might identify fully with humanity to be a perfect substitute for our sin; the benefit, is His righteousness becomes ours the moment we believe. How is this a comfort when we fail and sin? See Romans 5:18-20.

3. How did Jesus' temptation enable Him to identify with us? See Hebrews 2:18; 4:15-16. Did Jesus use any weapons against temptation that are unavailable to us? What are the implications of this fact for us? How will you respond to temptation this week using what you have learned from these passages?

4. Has this study in any way changed your understanding of Jesus' identity? Do these three stories of His Divine credentials strengthen your faith in Him? Why or why not?

5. Suffering is hard. Even many Christians see it as something God doesn't want for us. Yet, suffering is intrinsically part of God's eternal plan for His Son and those who would follow Him. How can Jesus' identification with us in suffering give you comfort and hope?

6. Read Romans 5:18. How does knowing Jesus as the second and sinless Adam give encouragement to you as you struggle with sin? How does it help us in our struggle to believe we are no longer condemned in Adam for our sin?