

Closing Reflection

Luke 4-5 asks every hearer to respond. Will we trust God's Word in temptation, receive Jesus when He challenges us, and leave our old patterns to follow Him?

Three invitations from the text

- **Stand firm under testing** - Jesus defeats temptation through faithful obedience.
- **Receive His authority** - His Word confronts evil, sickness, and unbelief.
- **Follow when called** - Simon, Levi, and the forgiven paralytic model decisive response.

Memorable lines

"Man shall not live by bread alone."

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..."

"Put out into the deep..."

"Your sins are forgiven you."

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Chapters 4-5

From Wilderness Victory to Miraculous Calling

A folded playbill for teaching, reading, or dramatic Scripture presentation

Key themes

Authority • Compassion • Mission • Forgiveness
• Discipleship

Primary settings

The Wilderness • Nazareth • Capernaum • Lake
of Gennesaret • Crowded homes

Quick Guide

This sample playbill treats Luke 4-5 like a seven-scene sacred drama. It works well for adult Bible study, youth teaching, or a Scripture reading service.

Scene arc

1. Temptation in the wilderness
2. Scripture fulfilled in Nazareth
3. Authority in Capernaum
4. Miraculous catch and calling
5. Cleansing the leper
6. Forgiving and healing the paralytic
7. Calling Levi and teaching grace

Teaching aim

Show how Luke moves from tested obedience to public ministry: Jesus overcomes temptation, proclaims good news, heals with authority, forgives sin, and calls disciples to follow Him.

Order of Presentation

Act I - The Wilderness Test

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, resists Satan and remains faithful where others failed.

Act II - The Hometown Sermon

In Nazareth, Jesus reads Isaiah and declares the Scripture fulfilled in Himself.

Act III - Authority on Display

In Capernaum, Jesus teaches with authority, casts out a demon, and heals many.

Act IV - Called from the Boats

After the miraculous catch, Simon Peter, James, and John leave everything to follow Jesus.

Act V - Compassion for the Outcast

Jesus cleanses a man with leprosy and continues ministering despite growing crowds.

Act VI - The Son of Man Forgives

Jesus heals a paralyzed man to show His authority to forgive sins.

Act VII - Grace at the Table

Levi is called, sinners gather, and Jesus teaches that His kingdom is not a patch on the old life.

Cast of Characters

Jesus	Teacher, healer, Savior, and Son of God.
The devil	Tempter in the wilderness, opposing Jesus at the outset.
Holy Spirit	Present in Jesus' leading, power, and public ministry.
People of Nazareth	Those who first admire Jesus, then reject Him.
Isaiah the prophet	Quoted in the synagogue reading that announces Jesus' mission.
Man with an unclean demon	Delivered by Jesus in Capernaum.
Simon's mother-in-law	Healed by Jesus of a fever.
The crowds	People who seek healing, deliverance, and teaching from Jesus.
Simon Peter	Fisherman called by Jesus after the miraculous catch.
James and John	Fishing partners who follow Jesus.
The man with leprosy	Healed by Jesus, showing Christ's compassion.
The paralyzed man	Lowered through the roof and healed after Jesus first forgives his sins.
Scribes and Pharisees	Religious leaders who question Jesus' authority.
Levi (Matthew)	Tax collector called by Jesus to leave everything and follow Him.

Themes to Watch For

Victory over temptation - Jesus succeeds where humanity fails.

Authority of the Word - His teaching carries divine weight.

Compassion for the needy - the unclean, sick, and excluded are welcomed.

Call to discipleship - following Jesus requires surrender.

Forgiveness and new life - Jesus does not only heal bodies; He restores souls.

Director's Note

Luke 4-5 moves from hidden preparation to public ministry. Jesus resists Satan in the wilderness, announces fulfillment in Nazareth, displays authority over demons, disease, and sin, and begins gathering disciples.

Optional prop ideas

Scroll • Fishing net • Small boat image • Mat • Table setting • Cloak