

Closing Reflection

Temptation is real, and spiritual battles are often fought in ordinary human weakness: hunger, pressure, loneliness, ambition, and identity.

Something can look powerful, impressive, or effective and still be outside God's will.

Jesus' mission is restorative. He cares about broken people, not just religious up in appearances.

Many people like encouraging truth, but resist truth that challenges pride, entitlement, or unbelief.

Jesus is not merely a teacher with ideas. He is Lord with authority over every part of life.

Big spiritual moments are often preceded by simple obedience.

The closer we get to Jesus, the more aware we become of our sin and need.

Jesus does not wait for people to become perfect before calling them.

Jesus is not repelled by human brokenness.

Our greatest need is not merely improved circumstances, but reconciliation with God.

Interceding for others and helping them come to Christ is part of faithful love.

Come to Jesus with repentance, not performance. And do not adopt a Pharisee's posture toward others.

Discipleship is not private belief only. It reshapes how we use our home, resources, friendships, and influence.

Jesus did not come merely to improve our old life; He came to make us new.

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

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| 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