



What if we could step back in time and uncover the headlines about Jesus—His teachings, miracles, and life-changing impact? "Knowing Jesus" takes us through the Gospel of Luke like a historical archive, revealing the truth of who Jesus is and what He came to do. Each week, we'll explore His story, moving beyond familiarity into a deeper understanding of the Savior who lived, loved, and gave His life for us all.

### ***Tested and Triumphant – January 19, 2025***

1. **Understanding Identity and Testing:** *Read Luke 3:21–22 and Luke 4:1–2.* How does the affirmation of Jesus' identity at His baptism prepare Him for the testing in the wilderness? How does knowing our identity in Christ help us face temptation today?
2. **Responding to Twisted Truth:** *See Luke 4:3–4 and Genesis 3:1–5.* How does Satan's strategy in the wilderness parallel his approach in the Garden of Eden? How can we stay rooted in God's Word to combat similar distortions of truth?
3. **The Allure of Shortcuts:** *Read Luke 4:5–8 and Luke 9:25.* What does Jesus' refusal of Satan's offer teach us about the cost of obedience versus the appeal of shortcuts? What are some "shortcuts" you've faced that challenged your faithfulness to God?
4. **Testing God vs. Trusting God:** *See Luke 4:9–12 and Deuteronomy 6:16.* How did Satan attempt to misuse Scripture to tempt Jesus into testing God? How can we discern between testing God and trusting Him in our lives?
5. **Victory through the Spirit and Scripture:** *Read Luke 4:14 and Ephesians 6:10–17.* How did Jesus rely on the Holy Spirit and Scripture during His testing? How can we apply these same resources in our own spiritual battles?
6. **Jesus as the True and Better Adam and Israel:** *Read Luke 4:1–13 and Romans 5:18–19.* How does Jesus' victory in the wilderness demonstrate that He is the true and better Adam? *Read Deuteronomy 8:1–6.* How does Jesus' victory in the wilderness demonstrate that He is the true and better Israel? What does this mean for our understanding of His role as King and Savior?
7. **Living in Christ's Victory:** *Read Luke 23:46 and Romans 8:37–39.* How does Jesus' ultimate trust in the Father at the cross reflect His victory over temptation? How can we live in the assurance of Christ's victory in our everyday struggles?