

TAKING THE **WHOLE WORD** TO THE **WHOLE WORLD**

JESUS, THE GOD-MAN,
understands you AND IS
ABLE TO *sympathize* WITH
everything YOU FACE.

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WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD

JESUS— HUMAN AND GOD IN EVERY WAY

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This article is an excerpt from the [Luke Bible Companion](#). You can download the full resource here.



Your family tree may explain a lot about you—where you came from, who your grandfather was, and his father before him. Luke's Gospel traces Jesus' family through Mary's story, back to King David, then back all the way to Adam, the first created son of God. But Adam fell from that lofty position when he sinned. Jesus Christ, the last Adam and the Son of God, came to bring mankind back into that relationship with God by believing on Him—the only way to be in fellowship with God.

After Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness to be tested by Satan. We can only stand on the fringe of this temptation; we can't fully understand the unseen, hidden forces of evil that spun around Him. As man, Jesus needed to be filled with the Spirit in order to meet the temptation. How much more do we need the Spirit's power to face every kind of temptation?

This test was God's idea. To *tempt* means two things. When Satan tempts us, he tries "to seduce us to do evil" in some area he can take hold of, some area we might possibly yield to him. Jesus wasn't tempted to do evil—that would be a losing proposition. Nothing in Him would yield to do evil.

But to *tempt* also means "to prove or test." God tested Jesus to prove He is a sinless Savior, able to save us. Because He passed the test, Jesus can save anyone who comes to God through Him (see Hebrews 7:25-26). There is a Man in glory today who sits at God's right hand, who understands you and is able to sympathize with everything you face. Isn't it wonderful to have a Savior like that!

Leaving the wilderness, Jesus returns home to Nazareth. On the Sabbath, Jesus is handed the Word, and He reads it according to the schedule (the same for all synagogues). That day's passage was Isaiah 61:1-2, describing the coming Messiah. Jesus closed the scroll, looked at that crowd, and said, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (4:21).

The people looked at Him confused, *“Isn’t this Joseph’s son, a carpenter? How could He be the Messiah?”* Jesus tried to show them, but they wouldn’t accept anything He said. His claim enraged them. Their rejection turned violent and they drove Jesus to a cliff on the edge of town, planning to push Him off to His death. Jesus miraculously disappeared into the crowd and went on His way.

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Because Nazareth rejected Jesus as Messiah, Jesus moves to Capernaum, a town on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee. The people were amazed at His powerful teaching—they never heard the Pharisees and scribes speak with such confidence and authority. They were drawn to Jesus’ light—but with this attraction comes a responsibility to respond in faith.

Further showing Jesus as fully human, we get to follow Him one day from dawn to sunset. In the synagogue, we listen to Him teach. We watch Him throw a demon out of a man. At lunch, we see Him heal Peter’s mother-in-law from a serious illness. Then He goes outside to the crowd and, moving from one to another, He talks and connects with people. He healed in a wonderful way, with great compassion, touching people in their greatest need. He is a Savior in every way.

MY TURN

FACING TEMPTATION

We learned from Dr. McGee when he taught about Jesus’ wilderness experience (Luke 4) that to tempt can mean two different things. Jesus gives us a model for each.

- ① **To tempt to sin.** Satan tried to seduce Jesus to do evil. As a man, Jesus needed to be filled with the Spirit to meet that temptation. What a great example for us in how to face the things that might cause us to sin.

In your Bible, look up Ephesians 4:27 and James 4:7 (and underline if you like). *What’s a practical way you can apply these two verses?*

- ② **To tempt also means “to prove or test.”** God tested Jesus to prove He is a sinless Savior, able to save us. Because He passed the test, Jesus can save anyone who comes to God through Him.

Look up Hebrews 7:25-26 and James 1:12-14. *Ask God to help you “pass the tests” that He administers in your life—and to grow in spiritual maturity that He intends for you.*

CELEBRATING NEW MINISTRY TO THE MUSLIM WORLD



Gregg Harris,
THRU the BIBLE President

THERE ARE TWO THINGS I'M SAYING A LOT THESE DAYS:

- 1 THIS IS HISTORIC ...
- 2 WE'RE JUST BEGINNING ...

Recently we passed a huge milestone in THRU the BIBLE's history in the launch of Indonesian satellite TV. If you've been on the Bible Bus for long, you know that nine years ago we started the first-ever TV production of THRU the BIBLE (in Arabic), called *Kol el Kitab*. Today, THRU the BIBLE is viewed on satellite TV and video ministry in the five major languages of the Muslim world: Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Urdu, and Indonesian.

These five projects comprise the most ambitious and complex ministry outreaches in the 48-year history of our global ministry. The logistics behind these productions are staggering, and the man who has led the production of all of them is Dr. Hany Monir.

Please take a moment to read Hany's two emails here, the first to us and the second to the producer/translator of the first program, *Kol el Kitab*. Give thanks and praise to God for doing something above and beyond what we could ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).



FROM: Hany Monir

TO: Gregg Harris, THRU the BIBLE



INDONESIAN TTB

October 31, 2021

Beloved brothers in the Lord, grace and peace to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

With all humility and all the reward and glory to God alone and not to ourselves, we present the fifth project of TTB to the world. *God willing, tomorrow, Monday, is a historic moment for all Indonesian speakers. At 11 AM, God will open a giant new door for the Indonesian people by broadcasting "Semua Kitab Suci" (Thru the Bible) to reach all the speakers of Indonesian in the whole world, whose peoples are estimated at 300 million.*

I am confident that God has plowed their hearts before so that His Word, through the program of TTB, reaches their hearts to work, bear fruit, and to achieve the goal of knowing Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour of their lives first and disciple them to know the biblical truth.

FROM: Hany Monir

TO: Ayad, *Kol el Kitab*



INDONESIAN TTB

My brother Ayad,

Thank you for bearing the burden of recording the Arabic TTB for seven years, and now we are reaping the fruits of your labor. May the Lord bless you, bless your home, and your service.

What makes my heart happy is that one day we will reach heaven and God will reveal to us the fruits of those programs in which we have worked hard. *At that time, we will rejoice by God's work from every nation, people, and tongue who have become God's own family and people.*

I have two requests in my heart that I place before you to pray for:

- An intense prayer for the Indonesian project and Indonesian people, so that His Word may reach souls and that the pure Word may dwell and work richly in hungry souls.
- God always leads us in every project that our goal is for His glory only and to present Jesus.

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FOLLOWING GOD IN 2022

“Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” -Luke 5:4

It's a great month to be on the Bible Bus and a great month to travel with the World Prayer Team. As Dr. McGee takes us through the amazing Gospel of Luke, we're thanking God for using His Word to cast wide nets and develop deep faith in the hearts of listeners like Misael in Mexico:

“Although in my 20's, I have lived a hard life. Drugs, gangs, and violence were a part of my daily activities. After my daughter was born, I knew I needed to look for something different ... something more.

“I found your program on the internet and began to listen regularly. I am grateful to now know Jesus and have begun to turn away from my past. It is not easy to leave this lifestyle, but with God's Word in my head and now in my heart, I am slowly becoming free.”

As we journey together, keep praying that God's Word will take root in the heads and hearts of all those who hear it. And may our faith deepen as we obey His call to take up our own nets and follow Him.

This is an example of the email our World Prayer Team receives every weekday. Together, we are traveling the world on our knees, interceding for one country at a time. We invite you to join us in covering the entire earth with prayer every year.

GO TO TTB.ORG/PRAY TO SIGN UP.

What's Happening at THRU the BIBLE



THRU THE BIBLE'S SOCIAL MEDIA REFRESHED

In an increasingly digital world, it's important to reach people with God's Word wherever they spend their time. As a tool to shine God's light into darkness, THRU the BIBLE's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages share daily encouragement and the good news of the gospel with anyone who wants to receive it.

HAVE YOU VISITED THRU THE BIBLE ON SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE LAST YEAR?



IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO GET SPIRITUAL ENCOURAGEMENT.

We may never fully know or see the eternal impact of God at work through our social media pages. It's just one small rung on the trellis in THRU the BIBLE's goal to get the whole Word to the whole world.

*For the things which are seen are temporary,
BUT THE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT SEEN ARE ETERNAL.*

A Heart Filled with Gratitude

My heart is full today with thanksgiving for all you who stand with THRU the BIBLE in partnership. **Together we are taking the whole Word to the whole world.**

Now I understand that when you first got on the Bible Bus, you were hoping to find good Bible teaching that would open up God's Word to you. And I trust you've found that.

But, oh, there's so much more to our journey on the Bible Bus. (For just a taste of the excitement, see pages 6-7 and delight in what God has done most recently in the Muslim world.)

THRU the BIBLE is so much more than receiving God's Word—it's also sharing it with everyone who will listen. It's a full circle.

So, if you're in this glorious circle—praying and investing in sharing God's Word—then I bless you in Jesus' name today.

And if you're not yet in partnership—*what are you waiting for?* God is doing amazing things, and He welcomes us to play a part.

Grateful for your partnership,



Gregg Harris
THRU the BIBLE, President



Join our World Prayer Team at TTB.org/pray.

WHY STUDY LUKE?

Join in the studies on *Thru the Bible* **DECEMBER 24—FEBRUARY 2** or anytime online, by podcast, or by mobile app.

Heaven has been silent for over 400 years. Then one day, in the holiest place on earth, an angel broke through the distance and surprised a man praying in the temple in Jerusalem. He came to announce that God had heard his prayer. Thus begins Luke's Gospel, a narrative of eyewitnesses—people who saw for themselves Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Luke, a physician, said he examined all the reports in close detail and wrote to give us confidence in what we believe about the Lord Jesus Christ.

"A definite human sympathy pervades this gospel, revealing Jesus' truly human nature Luke presents the perfect, divine Son of God as our great High Priest, touched with the feelings of our infirmities, able to extend help, mercy, and love to us." —Dr. J. Vernon McGee

WHAT YOU'LL FIND ONLY IN LUKE:

- **Mary's personal stories** of Jesus
- **The songs of Christmas**
- **6 miracles** told nowhere else
- **18 unique parables**
(including the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son)
- **Jesus' conversation** on the road to Emmaus after His resurrection

KEY VERSE

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." —Luke 19:10

ON OUR BIBLE BUS JOURNEY THROUGH LUKE, WE WILL:

- ① **Get an intimate look at Jesus' life from the stories of people who were closest to Him**—people who loved Him as a person and followed Him as their Savior.
- ② **Discover that our quest for endless "self-improvement" and perfectionism is answered in Jesus**, the perfect Man.
- ③ Through the physician Luke's eyes, **see Jesus' life as a whole**—inviting us to know Him as a Man, as God, and as the Savior of the world.

ON THE ROAD

Greetings FROM THE BIBLE BUS

“I am 64 years old and have been homeless for many years after my pension ran out. I currently live in a homeless shelter. **While here, I fell ill with COVID-19.** After three days, I started coughing badly, gasping for breath, and choking. I was admitted to a distant hospital because there were no hospitals with vacancies. Immediately, the doctor connected me to a ventilator to try to rescue me. I felt this could be the end for me, and death was very close.

“My bed was by the window, behind which the only living thing was a bird perched on a tree branch. One of the patients had a small tablet connected to the hospital wi-fi. **He communicated this way with his family and also listened quietly to your program. Thus, my companions in death were to be the bird outside the window and Thru the Bible.**

“**This is how I heard about the hope of eternal life, and that it's free, only after confessing Jesus as personal Savior.** I must admit that those were very strong words for me. The homeless community is mostly unbelieving and difficult. But I was converted on my deathbed.

“And then there was a miracle no one expected. I began to improve at a fast pace. Soon I returned to a homeless shelter for quarantine. I told our social worker about these events and, because I couldn't afford a tablet or a computer, she brought from home her small portable internet radio to share with me. **Now I listen to Thru the Bible regularly. I'm calling you to express my gratitude for saving my life, for the faith God has inspired in me, and to convince you that the work you are doing is priceless.**”

From **A NEW BROTHER IN POLAND**



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