

Out of the Desert Into the Power

Series: *The Holy Spirit – How Well Do You Know Him?*
– Luke 4:1-14 –

1. Into the Desert Engaged

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days He was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them He was hungry.

– Luke 4:1-2

2. Out of the Desert Empowered

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through the whole countryside.

– Luke 4:14

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you?
2. Under what circumstances was Jesus tempted: After a spiritual high? At a weak moment?
3. Why were the temptations directed at Jesus immediately after He was affirmed by His Father at His baptism (see 3:21-22)?
4. What kind of *living* was Jesus talking about in verse 4? How would you describe someone today who truly lives on every word of God?
5. Think through the temptation Jesus overcame in vss. 5-7. In what ways today do we sometimes try to bind God to human plans?
6. What would you say is your *typical* response when you face trials from the outside, and what it is when you face temptations from the inside?
7. Think through Paul's statement: "*When I am weak, then I am strong.*" (2 Cor. 12:7-10) How has God worked in and through you during times of weakness?

