

Encountering Jesus

Luke 4:1-15

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And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴ And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve.””

⁹ And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,
to guard you,’

¹¹ and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.””

¹² And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

¹⁴ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

Table Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think the gospel writers spend time recording not only the teachings of Jesus, but also His encounters with people?
2. What aspects of the life and teachings of Jesus do you find especially challenging (be specific if possible)? What makes them challenging? How do you deal with the challenge?
3. If you could emulate one aspect of Jesus' character in your life right now, what would it be and why?
4. Shame is a pervasive sense of failure and unworthiness. In what ways does shame affect us? How does the substitutionary work of Jesus address our shame? How do we apply this practically as men?
5. The promise of the gospel is that God is always with us. When has the presence/companionship of Christ been most precious to you? When have you encountered Him walking with you, helping you?
6. What do you hope to get out of this study this spring?