

Luke 4:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

Analysis

After defeating temptation, 'Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.' The phrase 'in the power of the Spirit' (Greek 'en tē dynamēi tou pneumatos,' ἐν τῇ δυνάμει τοῦ πνεύματος) emphasizes Jesus' Spirit-empowered ministry. His wilderness victory qualified Him for public ministry, and His fame spread rapidly. Successful spiritual warfare releases spiritual power—Jesus emerged from temptation strengthened, not weakened. His growing reputation prepared for His teaching and healing ministry.

Historical Context

Galilee was Jesus' primary ministry region during the early phase—a predominantly Jewish area with significant Gentile influence, more receptive than Judea's religious establishment. News traveled quickly along trade routes and through synagogue networks. Jesus' fame stemmed from teaching with authority (Mark 1:27) and performing miracles (healing, exorcisms). This initial popularity created opportunities for ministry but also attracted opposition from religious leaders who saw Him as a threat. The Spirit's power made Jesus' ministry effective and drew crowds seeking teaching and healing.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' return 'in the power of the Spirit' after wilderness victory demonstrate the relationship between spiritual warfare and ministry effectiveness?
2. What does Jesus' rapid rise to fame teach about how God prepares for and validates authentic ministry?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ὑπέστρεψεν	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	ἐν	τῇ	δυνάμει	τοῦ
And	returned		Jesus	in		the power	
G2532	G5290	G3588	G2424	G1722	G3588	G1411	G3588
πνεύματος	εἰς	τὴν	Γαλιλαίαν	καὶ	φήμη	ἐξῆλθεν	
of the Spirit	into		Galilee	And	a fame	there went out	
G4151	G1519	G3588	G1056	G2532	G5345	G1831	
καθ'	ὅλης	τῆς	περιχώρου	περὶ	αὐτοῦ		
through	all		the region round about	of	him		
G2596	G3650	G3588	G4066	G4012	G846		

Additional Cross-References

Acts 10:37 (Parallel theme): That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

Matthew 4:12 (References Jesus): Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;

