

# 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 dynamei 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

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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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

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καὶ ὑπέστρεψεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐν τῇ δυνάμει τοῦ  
And returned Jesus in the power G3588 G2424 G1722 G1411 G3588

πνεύματος εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν καὶ φήμη ἐξῆλθεν  
of the Spirit into Galilee And a fame there went out G4151 G1519 G1056 G2532 G5345 G1831

καθ' ὅλης τῆς περιχώρου περὶ αὐτοῦ  
through all the region round about of him G2596 G3650 G4066 G4012 G846

## Additional Cross-References

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**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;

