



LENT :
A Time of
Encounter,
Testing
&
Preparation



Study Guide – Sunday 14th February 2021
Lent Week 1 – Encountering the Spirit and Satan

Please read Luke 3.15-18, 21-23; Isaiah 42.1; Acts 10.38

1. Why do you think the affirmation of the Father and the coming (or anointing) of the Holy Spirit are so significant at this point for Jesus as a man, and as the Messiah?
2. Why is the Jordan river so significant for the start of the Messiah's ministry?

Please read Luke 4.1-2

3. What do you think it means that Jesus was 'full of the Holy Spirit'?
4. Jesus is led by the Spirit into, and throughout, a 40 day wilderness experience, where he would face and overcome the attack of Satan. Why is this both symbolically and spiritually significant for all of us?
5. *'Never think that if you are filled with the Spirit, you will not be afflicted by the devil. Never think that if you are led by the Spirit, you will not be lamped by the devil.'*
In fact, there appears to be a pattern of satanic attack where he follows up on God's blessings with actions/testing intent on stealing or undermining the blessing.
What's your own experience of this pattern of spiritual attack?
6. Why do you think Jesus chooses to fast from food during these 40 days?
7. During this season of Lent, what will you choose to fast from so that you can 'tune out the flesh and tune in the Spirit', and say to the Lord, 'I need You more... I need to hear from You more than food, more than alcohol, more than TV, more than...'