

Introduction

1. The life of Christ continues – now in His earthly ministry.
2. Included in Matthew 4: The temptation of Jesus (vs 1-11).
Jesus goes to Galilee (vs 12-17).
Four apostles called (vs 18-22).
Jesus' popularity grows (vs 23-25).
3. The setting for this chapter:
After Jesus' baptism
Led by the Spirit into the wilderness
Fasted for 40 days
Tempted by the devil



Select Verses

- 4:1 ~ *"Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil."*
- 4:3-4 ~ *"And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. ⁽⁴⁾ But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."*
- 4:11 ~ *"Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him."*
- 4:17 ~ *"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*
- 4:18-19 ~ *"And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. ⁽¹⁹⁾ And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."*
- 4:23 ~ *"And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan."*

Select Thoughts / Themes



1. Jesus resisted temptations of Satan by quoting Scripture.
2. The unique Saviour:
 - a. Unique message
 - b. Unique manner
3. Jesus began His earthly ministry in Galilee. Why?
Read Isaiah 9:1-2
4. The basic message of Jesus' preaching was:
"The kingdom of heaven is at hand."
5. Name the places people lived who followed Jesus.



To Consider Further...

1. How did Jesus triumphantly overcome the temptations of Satan? What words did He speak?
2. Did Jesus select only highly educated, successful business people to be His apostles? Explain.
3. What else did Jesus do in addition to preaching? What was the purpose of these action?
4. What is / how would you define a *"fisher of men"*?
5. Would the world ever be the same after Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10)?