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# **Nurturing our Faith Lent Bible Study Group 2022**



**Jesus guided  
by scripture**

**7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 11 a.m.  
Fleet URC & Beacon Hill URC**

## ***Jesus guided by scripture***

### ***Holy Habit focus on Biblical Teaching***

We welcome Rev'd Graham Hoslett to lead our first Bible Study:

We come together in a time of song, prayer and hearing a reading from the Gospel of Luke – Luke 4: 1 – 13:

- As we read the passage, underline or circle words or phrases that stand out:

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil<sup>u</sup> led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil<sup>u</sup> said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil<sup>u</sup> took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

<sup>11</sup> and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

- What words or phrases did you notice when the text was read?

In this text Luke highlights two companions that enabled Jesus, the Spirit and the scriptures. As we journey with Jesus through Lent we too need these companions...

In the reading, Jesus is in the dry, harsh, challenging place of the wilderness. At the beginning of Lent, what sort of place do you find yourself in spiritually?

1. Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit. How conscious are you of the Spirit's presence at this time?
2. Jesus was able to resist the temptations presented to Him with the confidence that came from the knowledge of the scriptures. How confident are you in applying biblical teaching to the challenges you face?

Questions for whole-group conversation

1. In Ephesians 5:18, Paul urges his readers not to get drunk but to go on being filled with the Spirit. How are we continually filled with the Spirit? Might giving something up for Lent create the space for you to seek fresh fillings of the Spirit?
2. What habits of reading scripture could you adapt/renew in order to live more biblically?
3. We have focussed on the Spirit and the scriptures. Returning to the words you noted in the text, which other things might you need to pay attention to?

*Respond*

A time of song & prayer to close:

*Take home ideas*

- Take a small jar and put it in a place where you pray at home. We are invited to fill the jar afresh with water each day during Lent, and as we do so to pray for a fresh filling of the Spirit.
- We have *The Journey to Jerusalem* devotional booklet to read throughout Lent. As we read this each day, notice how it relates to the events of the day.