

Jesus Prays in a Solitary Place - Mark 1:35-39

Topics: Alone, Demons, Ministry, Prayer, Preparation, Purpose, Sacrifice, Solitude

Open It

- * 1. What do you like or dislike about being alone?
- 2. What does our society think of loners?
- 3. What is most difficult to you about praying?

Explore It

- 4. What did Jesus do? When? (1:35)
- 5. How did Jesus begin this particular day? (1:35)
- 6. When did Jesus go out to pray? (1:35)
- * 7. Where did Jesus go, and why did he go there? (1:35)
- 8. What did Jesus consider important? (1:35-39)
- 9. What did Simon and his companions do when Jesus went to pray alone? (1:36-37)
- * 10. Why wasn't Jesus able to pray alone? (1:37)
- * 11. What did Jesus plan to do after He was finished praying? (1:38)
- 12. What attitude did Jesus have toward the people who demanded his time? (1:38)
- 13. Which of Jesus' tasks did He consider most important: preaching, healing, or casting out demons? (1:38)
- 14. What motivated Jesus to go to the nearby village? (1:38)

Get It

- 15. In light of this passage, how do you think Jesus knew His life purpose so clearly?
- 16. Why do you think Jesus had to spend so much time in prayer if He was the Son of God?
- * 17. How should we follow Christ's example of praying?
- 18. What is the benefit of getting up before dawn to spend time with the Lord in prayer?
- * 19. What area of need does Jesus' example of prayer reveal to you?
- 20. What should be your response to other believers who are committed to prayer?
- 21. How do you think you would have responded if you had been the one to find Jesus praying?
- 22. What can you learn about your own responsibility to serve from Jesus' attitude toward the people who demanded His time?
- 23. How can you order the parts of your life to reflect the priorities Jesus had?
- 24. What one area of your spiritual life do you think the Lord wants you to develop or concentrate on the most right now?
- 25. What role do you think solitude should have in the Christian life?

Apply It

- 26. Following Jesus' example, what can you do this week to spend more quality time with the Lord in prayer?
- * 27. When and where can you pray on a regular basis this week?
- 28. What can you do to increase your consistency in prayer over the next month?