

Mark 1:35-38 **Jesus withdrew early to pray**

35 Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

36 And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him.

37 When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."

38 But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

✚ After all the publicity of the healings Jesus had done the night before, Jesus sought out a solitary place to pray. [Mark 1:35, Luke 4:40-42]

✚ Jesus knew from childhood all that He was sent to earth to do, and all that would happen in His life. [Luke 2:41-49]

✧ Jesus knew His relationship with the Father in Heaven, His coming sacrifice and the following resurrection and ascension back to the Father to await the time for Him to return to reign over the entire earth for a thousand years as King of kings and Lord of lords.

✧ Jesus knew the glory that had been His with the Father before He came to earth as a human being. [John 17:5]

✧ Jesus knew the close relationship He had with the father as God the Word, Who was with God before creation of heaven and earth began. [John 1:1, 17:5]

✧ We found that at the time of the temptations of Jesus, angels ministered to Him. [Mark 1:13]

✚ Still Jesus found it needful many times to seek a solitary place where He could pray to the Father in private without all the distractions of people. [Mark 1:35, 6:46, 14:35, 39, Matthew 14:23, 26:39, 42, 44, Luke 3:21, 5:16, 6:12, 9:18, 9:28, 11:1, 22:32, 41, 44, John 17:1-26]

✧ This becomes a very excellent example for us who are followers of Jesus.

✚ Because of the many healings the night before, many people were seeking Jesus in the morning. [Mark 1:37, Luke 4:42]

✧ When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." [Mark 1:37, Luke 5:42]

✧ The people tried to keep Jesus from leaving them. [Luke 4:42]

✧ But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth." [Mark 1:38, Luke 5:43]

✧ We always want to keep a good ministry for ourselves, but Jesus came for the sins of the world, and knew His ministry was for the world, not just for a local congregation.

✚ Jesus was preaching in the Synagogues of Galilee. [Matthew 4:23, 9:35, Mark 1:39, Luke 4:44]