

A Day in the Life

Mark 1:29-39



A Midday Private Healing

- The home of Simon Peter was the home base for Jesus' ministry in Capernaum.
- Peter's mother-in-law was sick with a fever.
- Before modern medicine, a fever was something ominous, even deadly.
- The disciples realized that the answer to the pressing needs of their lives was Jesus.
- Jesus had no set formula when He healed people.
- Healing was incidental to Jesus' goals and purposes.

Jesus Engaged In Evening Public Ministry

- The word that Jesus could heal spread through town.
- When the sun set, people brought the sick and demon-possessed to Peter's home for Jesus to heal and deliver.
- Jesus' healings and deliverances from demons had a two-fold purpose:
 - It widen the compass of His power and authority.
 - It showed His compassion on those damaged by the results of sin.

Silenced Demons

- Jesus not allow demons to speak or reveal His true identity.
- By silencing them, He emphasized His divine authority.
- He silenced them because they would cause premature action by His enemies.
- Jesus showed His divine power, but did not claim it, yet.
- Jesus did not need the testimony of demons.

Intimate Morning Prayer

- Jesus arose before daylight and went out to a secluded place to be recharged by prayer.
- Jesus needed to get away from the hustle and bustle of life to be alone with His heavenly Father.
- Jesus knew the people would be clamoring for more miracles and healings, but He had other plans.
- Preaching was more important than healing because it was through preaching that people would be called to eternal decision and discipleship.
- Wherever He preached, He was opposed by the dark forces of Satan.

Personal Application

- When Peter's mother-in-law was healed, she set about to serve.
- To serve is the natural response of a heart that has experienced the transforming touch of Christ.
- We should follow Jesus' example in finding solitude and silence sometime every day to pray.

Conclusion

- Jesus did not “just happen” to find Himself alone with time to pray.
- You must intentionally make time to be alone with God for prayer and meditation.
- God wants us to see our sinfulness, then turn from our sin and be saved.
- Matthew 16:26, *“What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”*