

Scriptures for Today: Mark 1:29-39**Title of Today's Message: The Profound Priorities of Jesus: *People, Prayer and Preaching!*****INTRODUCTION**

Last week, we began to follow Jesus as He went into Capernaum. We saw His **AUTHORITY** as the living Word of God who spoke with power – unlike anyone the religious people had ever seen or heard. We also saw how the devils **BELIEVE** and tremble at His presence and at His authoritative words. Today, we will see **how Jesus prioritized His life and His public ministry** as He leaves the synagogue where we left off last week. Jesus will spend time with **PEOPLE** – personally interacting with and healing many. Jesus will get up early in the morning and **PRAY** to His Father in heaven. And, Jesus will go into all Galilee to **PREACH** the kingdom of God. We will be challenged to **keep these priorities** in focus each day as we seek to do the work of the Lord for God's glory!

PREACHING NOTES1. Jesus came out of the synagogue and immediately began **ministering** to **PEOPLE**.

- ✓ He entered into Peter's house and healed his wife's mother who lay sick of a fever...
 Mark 1:29-31; Matthew 8:14, 15; Luke 4:38, 39; Mark 5:23; James 5:14, 15; Acts 9:41; Psalm 103:1-3

***Luke 4:38** – And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her. And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her; and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.*

- ✓ As the sun was setting, they brought unto him all that were diseased and possessed...
 Mark 1:21, 25; 3:2, 12; Matthew 8:16, 17; Isaiah 53:4; Luke 4:40, 41; Acts 2:22; 13:44; James 2:19

***Luke 4:40** – Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.*

***Matthew 8:16-17** – When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.*

- NOTE** Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. He had the power to rebuke a fever! Think about that! It is clear that He cared about **people!** After preaching in the synagogue, He spent the day healing all that were brought to Him. And, He made it clear – He was the Messiah!!

2. Jesus got up **a great while before day** and went to **a solitary place** to **PRAY**.

- ✓ His days were long and there was a great demand on his time...
 Philippians 4:6; 1 Peter 5:7

***Philippians 4:6** – Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

- ✓ He found it necessary to get up very early and get to a quiet place alone...
Psalm 5:3; 109:4; Mark 6:46-48; Luke 4:42; 6:12; 22:39-46; John 6:15; Eph 6:18; Philip 2:15; Hebrews 5:7

Psalm 5:3 – My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee.

Hebrews 5:7 – Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, was heard in that he feared;

NOTE O how we need to hear from God on this point! Jesus was God. He had great demands on His time from every direction. He chose to get up very early in the morning so that He could get to a quiet place to be alone with His heavenly Father. We have no excuse!

3. Jesus and the disciples went to ***all the surrounding cities and towns*** to **PREACH**.

- ✓ The disciples said, “All men seek for thee.” There were **many needs** that could have been met...
Mark 1:37; John 12:19

John 12:19 – The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

- ✓ Jesus said, “*Let us go...that I may preach...for therefore came I forth.*” He was there to **preach**...
Luke 4:43; Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:18-21; John 4:34; 9:4-5; 17:4, 8

John 9:4-5 – I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

- ✓ The Bible says, “*And he preached...throughout all Galilee.*” He knew **the Word must** go forth...
Matthew 4:23; Luke 4:43, 44; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; Colossians 1:28

Mark 16:15 – And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

NOTE Jesus knew that He was on planet earth to preach the gospel of the kingdom of God. He had to make difficult choices in life in order to prioritize preaching. And preach He did!! As He prioritized preaching, He was able to minister to many people. He is our great example!

❖ Personal Application

- **What are your life’s priorities?** Today we learned about what Jesus cared about and how He invested His time. What did God speak to you about? **OBEY** Him. **Trust Him!**

A TIME OF DECISION

There are no coincidences with God. You were here today to hear a message **from God**...

- ❖ **Unbeliever**, listen to the voice of your **conscience** **right now**.

* The Bible says you must **confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus** and **believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead**. You must turn to God and trust Christ alone to save you from God’s wrath to come.