

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

1. What did Jesus do? When? ([1:35](#))
2. How did Jesus begin this particular day? ([1:35](#))
3. When did Jesus go out to pray? ([1:35](#))
4. *Where did Jesus go, and why did he go there? ([1:35](#))
5. What did Jesus consider important? ([1:35–39](#))
6. What did Simon and his companions do when Jesus went to pray alone? ([1:36–37](#))
7. *Why wasn't Jesus able to pray alone? ([1:37](#))

8. *What did Jesus plan to do after He was finished praying? ([1:38](#))
9. What attitude did Jesus have toward the people who demanded his time? ([1:38](#))
10. Which of Jesus' tasks did He consider most important: preaching, healing, or casting out demons? ([1:38](#))
11. What motivated Jesus to go to the nearby village? ([1:38](#))

Get It

1. In light of this passage, how do you think Jesus knew His life purpose so clearly?
2. Why do you think Jesus had to spend so much time in prayer if He was the Son of God?
3. *How should we follow Christ's example of praying?
4. What is the benefit of getting up before dawn to spend time with the Lord in prayer?
5. *What area of need does Jesus' example of prayer reveal to you?
6. What should be your response to other believers who are committed to prayer?
7. How do you think you would have responded if you had been the one to find Jesus praying?

8. What can you learn about your own responsibility to serve from Jesus' attitude toward the people who demanded His time?
9. How can you order the parts of your life to reflect the priorities Jesus had?
10. What one area of your spiritual life do you think the Lord wants you to develop or concentrate on the most right now?
11. What role do you think solitude should have in the Christian life?

Apply It

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