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Mark 1:29-39

The private lives of public figures interest us. When we see them in action before the crowds, everything seems to flow effortlessly—seamlessly. When we see them delivering speeches, performing music, participating in sporting events, starring in a movie, or entertaining an audience in some comedy routine, we may be impressed . . . but we can't help wonder what happens when the lights go out and the crowd goes home. What are they like when they are not on stage, when an audience isn't applauding, when no one they are with has bought a ticket and stood in line to see them in action? Unfortunately, we've become jaded because of the war stories surrounding the private world of so many public figures. When it comes to Jesus, there's no such disappointment. From the beginning of His earthly ministry, there were those who not only watched Him before the public, they also spent time with Him in private. Furthermore, they wrote about what they witnessed. These writings have been preserved for all to read in what is known today as the four "Gospels" of the New Testament. Today as we study Mark's writings, we find almost an hour-by-hour account of a day in the life of Jesus. It's encouraging to learn that the characteristics He displayed in public, He *exemplified* in private.

JESUS: When He Was in Public and in Private:

"In Capernaum . . . He entered the synagogue . . ." (1:21-28)

"And immediately after coming out of the synagogue . . ." (1:29-31)

"When evening came after the sun had set . . ." (1:32-34)

"In the early morning while it was still dark . . ." (1:35-38)

"And He went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee . . ." (1:39)

YOU AND ME: Whether We're in Public or in Private:

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