

## “Proclaimed!” - Mark 1:35-45

Ask - “Can you think of someone who seemingly became well-known overnight?”

Background - After John the Baptist was arrested and taken into custody, Jesus came to Galilee and called his first disciples. They went into the city of Capernaum where Jesus taught the crowds, cast out demons, and healed many who were sick - including Peter’s mother-in-law.

“Morning Prayer” - Mark 1:35-39

(v35) Where had Jesus and His disciples spent the night? What did He do early that morning before sunrise? What example does this set for us? Discuss.

(v36-37) When Peter and the others woke and discovered Jesus was gone, what did they do? What did they say when they found Him?

(v38-39) Rather than simply going back, what did Jesus say that He wanted to do? What did He do and why?

JESUS BEGAN HIS PUBLIC MINISTRY IN GALILEE, PREACHING AND HEALING IN CAPERNAUM. HE MADE A PRIORITY OF PRAYER, AND WAS INTENT AND SPEAKING IN CITIES THROUGHOUT THE REGION.

“A Leper’s Faith” - Mark 1:40-42

(v40) Who approached Jesus and what did they say to Him? How did his statement express faith?

(v41) Upon hearing this, how did Jesus feel? What did He say and do?

(v42) What happened to the leprous man and how quickly did it occur?

A LEPER CAME TO JESUS AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE LORD’S POWER TO HEAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS WILL. JESUS CLEANSED THE LEPER.

“Can’t Keep Quiet” - Mark 1:43-45

(v43-44) What did Jesus say to the healed leper? Why might He have asked the leper to keep the news of this miracle quiet? Compare this with His actions in verses 37-39 which we read earlier.

(v45a) Did the healed man heed Jesus’ warning?

(v45b) What was the result of Jesus’ sudden and widespread fame and

popularity? How did it impact His ministry? Did the people's enthusiasm about Jesus quickly fade? Discuss.

JESUS WAS NOT INTERESTED IN FAME OR NOTORIETY. HE ASKED THE LEPER TO KEEP QUIET, BUT HE DIDN'T. NEWS ABOUT JESUS SPREAD AND PEOPLE CAME TO HIM IN DROVES.

Application - After His baptism and temptation in the wilderness, Jesus burst onto the scene in Galilee. Beginning in Capernaum, Jesus traveled from city to city preaching, healing, and casting out demons. He quickly became so popular that He could not enter into the cities without causing chaos, so He stayed in the countryside. Nevertheless, people continued flocking to Him. He was so remarkable that the masses simply couldn't keep quiet - news about Jesus spread like wildfire throughout Israel. How does our enthusiasm about Jesus today compare with theirs? Why is that?