

DO YOU REALLY KNOW HIM?

LESSON 7: a success story

TEXTS: MATTHEW 4:23-25; MARK 1:21-39; LUKE 4:31-44

I. THE RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

As we look at these texts that deal with the _____ of Jesus' ministry (at least according to these three accounts), what are some things that we notice?

1. After surrounding Himself with the right kind of _____, He got _____ with His _____.
2. Jesus' mission involved more than just _____ / _____. It involved:
 - a. Lots of _____.
 - b. Going into the _____.
 - c. Showing _____ to people by healing "every _____ and every _____ among the people" - Mt. 4:23
 - d. Jesus becoming _____ very _____!



THOUGHT QUESTIONS: *What, in your opinion, made Jesus' early ministry so successful so quickly? What things do you notice about His character, attitude, etc. that probably made Him so effective?*

1. He was _____; He didn't wait for people to come to Him!
2. He was _____; He had studied, grown, chosen good followers, etc.
3. He was _____ & _____, yet at the same time _____ and _____. He helped everyone who needed help, yet still stood up for the _____, even when it _____ people (Mark 1:22). **Is that a tough combination for most people? Why?** Discuss.
4. He was _____. At least at this point in His ministry, He never seemed to turn anyone _____, even when it was His "day off". Even when Jesus WASN'T going out to the people (such as when He was at Simon & Andrew's home), He was still willing to help!. **Why is this difficult for us?**
5. Though He was the _____ of _____, He was everyone's _____. Discuss this. How many people _____ we help if we were willing to help _____? Discuss the trap of "exclusive ministry".