

What Were you Expecting?

Scripture: Mark 1:29-39

Series: Come, Follow Me

A kingdom is that realm where the _____ of the king _____ what happens.

What your _____ of Jesus?

Key words:

- *euthus* - “immediately” - v29 & v30
- *ēgeiren* - “raised her up” - v31
- *diakoneō* - serves - v31
- *katadiōxen* - hunting, pursuing - v36

The disciples and the town want to _____ who Jesus is: a _____ worker.

A paradox is shown in v32:

- The people are _____ for something _____; the power of this new miracle worker – but they are still _____ within the purity _____ of Judaism.
 - a living faith vs ritualism
 - Jesus represents something _____ that we need to open ourselves up to, and not just _____ in empty _____.

Jesus doesn't just give himself to their _____.

- Jesus wants to _____ on.
- He has a _____ – they want him to _____.

“For that is why I came out.” (v38)

Start talking.

- As a child were you sickly or robust?
- What is your solitary place?

Start thinking.

- How does Jesus' healing (vv30-31) compare with his exorcism (v25)? What new realm of authority is seen here?
- How do you picture the scene in vv32-34? Why does he silence the demons?
- After a day like this (vv29-34), what pressures could Jesus feel as a new day dawns? What might he pray about? How might this relate to his decision (v38)?
- As Simon, how do you feel about that decision?

Start sharing.

- In your experience, how do actions on behalf of God and meditation with God affect one another?
- What insight do you see in these stories about Jesus and the kingdom?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

God, often I admit that I can easily try to force my expectations onto you in ways that are selfish and don't represent your kingdom well. Help me to pay attention to you and to follow your leadership. I want to listen and honor your authority in my life. Help me to be patient and trust in each step. May I be found faithful as I point to you in every area of my life.

Start Doing:

- Look for where God is doing something in the ordinariness of life, and join Him.
- Allow God to expose the things that need to be cast out in your life.
- Get away into a solitary place each day and seek the Father's will.
- Acknowledge and thank God for His faithfulness in the past and place your current struggles at his feet and receive and live into the hope of what only He can do in your life.