

MOUNT SOLITUDE

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When Jesus got up in the morning, before He went out and started His daily ministry, He would find Himself a place to pray. A place of solitude.

Mark 1:35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Time alone, spent in prayer, was the way that Jesus started His day. Not just on Sunday, but time and time and time again, the Bible tells us that this was how Jesus started His day.

I've heard people say, "I don't have time to pray, I've got too much to do."

I've got so much to do that I have to take time to pray! If I don't get anything else done in my day, nothing should come before my time with God.

Jesus had a lot to do. He came to save the world, but He was never in a hurry. He was never too busy to pray. He didn't allow the needs of others to get in the way of Him spending time on Mount Solitude.

The more miracles that Jesus performed, the bigger the crowds grew, but Jesus didn't allow the multitude to cause Him to lose focus on what was the most important thing for Him to do.

Luke 5:15-16 But despite Jesus' instructions, the report of his power spread even faster, and vast crowds came to hear him preach and to be healed of their diseases. But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer. NLT

At times whenever Jesus would heal people, He would tell them not to tell anybody what He had done, but more times than not, they couldn't keep their mouths shut and as His fame grew, so did the crowds and with the bigger crowds came more people who needed healing, but the Bible says, "Often times He withdrew to the wilderness to pray."

I believe, and the Scriptures bare witness, that many of these wilderness places were in the mountains.

Before Jesus chose His twelve disciples, the Bible says,

Luke 6:12-13 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;

Breaking away from people and getting alone to pray, was a regular practice for Jesus. It was His routine. It should be our routine as well. We should have a worn path to Mount Solitude.