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Jesusology

“Jesus’ M.O.”

Mark 1:35-45

What comes to mind when you think about Jesus is perhaps the most important thing about you. Your concept of Jesus determines the quality of our relationship with Him. Mark gives us the real Jesus.

We are creatures of habit both good and bad. Our habits make up our M.O. If I were to follow you around as a friendly observer, what would I find your Method of Operating to be? What would be your values, priorities and practices? Because whatever they are makes you who you are. You are the sum of your values, priorities and practices.

What Was Jesus’ Method of Operating?

Mark 1:35-45

1) Jesus had Depth in His Private Life with the Father: (Intimacy)

- The practice of prayer was His highest priority. (v35; Luke 5:16; 11:1)
- His highest purpose for prayer was to be with the Father. (Matt. 6:5-15; 7:7-11)
- My public life is only as strong as my private life. (vv35-38)

2) Jesus had Width in His Public Life with the world: (Impact)

- Jesus ministry had a balance of both word and works. (V39) Both proclamation and demonstration.

- The church has both word and works gifts. (1 Cor. 12; Rom. 12; Eph. 4)
- Jesus was moved with compassion for the spiritual, emotional, and physical well being of the Leper. (v41)

3) How I can have the same Intimacy and Impact:

- Take the outrageous risk of reaching out unconditionally and consistently to Jesus. (v40)
- Allow His outrageous offer of unconditional love cleanse you spirit, soul and body. (vv 41-42)
- All my uncleanness was placed on Jesus (The Cross), so that I can be forever clean (spirit, soul and body). (2 Cor. 5:21; 8:9)

February 8	“It’s All Good!”	Phil. 1
February 15	“Your Deepest Need”	Mark 2:1-12
February 22	“Brand New Life”	Mark 2:13-22
March 1	“Deep Rest”	Mark 2:23-3:6
March 8	“New Identity”	Mark 3:6-19
March 15	“Lunatic, Liar or Lord?”	Mark 3:20-35



Growing

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- 1) We are creatures of habit both good and bad. These habits make up our M.O. What ever your habits are makes you who you are. Explain. What would be the M.O. of a growing thriving follower of Christ?

- 2) The things you value you prioritize and the things you prioritize you practice. For instance, if you value physical fitness you'll prioritize and practice exercise. Read Mark 1:34-45. What were Jesus' values, priorities and practices?

- 3) Jesus had depth in his private life with the Father. How important was the practice of prayer to Jesus according to Luke 5:16? What was Jesus' highest purpose in prayer? Do you think most people pray to get from God or to be with God?

- 4) How is it that my public life is only as strong as my private life? How was Jesus' public life balanced with both words and works? How balanced is your life with the proclamation and demonstration of the Gospel? What motivated Jesus (v41)?

- 5) How can you have the same intimacy and impact of Jesus? What is God speaking to you through this teaching? Make it your prayer and apply it to your life.