

He Often Hid Himself From the People

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Jesus said, " 'Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler (satan) of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me.' This He said, signifying what death He should die. The people answered Him, 'We have heard out of the law that Christ abides forever; so how do You say, '**The Son of Man must be lifted up?**' who is this Son of Man?' Then Jesus said unto them, 'Yet a little while the Light is with you. Walk while you have the Light, lest darkness comes upon you; for he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may be the children of Light.' These things spoke Jesus, and then departed, and Hid Himself From Them. But, although He had done so many miracles before them, yet they did not believe on Him; so that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, 'Lord, who has believed our report? and to whom has the Arm of the Lord been revealed?' " ([John 12:31-38](#)) (quote is from: [Isaiah 53:1](#))

Departed: from the Greek word *apelthon* which means: to go away, to depart; describes the action of departing or going away from a place or situation. It often implies a physical movement from one location to another but can also be used metaphorically to indicate a change in state or condition. The term is frequently used in the context of Jesus' movements. In context: specifically refers to Jesus leaving and getting away from the people: whether for rest, safety, prayer, etc..

Hid Himself: from the Greek word *ekrybe* which means: he-was-hidden; from *krupto*: to hide, conceal, keep secret; in context: Jesus; along with His close disciples sometimes; often found it to be difficult in getting away from the multitudes of people, and adversaries, who were constantly seeking Him. In order to really get away and be alone Jesus, and His disciples would have to seek out deserted places where it was easier to be hidden for awhile.

From Them: from the Greek words *ap auton* which mean: from them: the multitudes of people who came to Jesus to be healed of their sicknesses, and to hear His teachings; and also to escape the evil intentions of His adversaries.

Jesus's efforts to get away from the multitudes for rest and prayer were not always successful! Please consider the following:

"And from there He (Jesus) arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into a house, and would have no man know it; but He could not be hid. ([Mark 7:24](#))

When Jesus heard of it, He departed from there by boat unto a separate deserted place: and when the people had heard of it, they followed Him on foot out of the cities. And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and He healed their sick" (see [Matthew 14:3-13-14](#)) (Just after John the Baptist was killed)

"And there came a leper to Him (to Jesus), begging Him, and kneeling down to Him, and saying unto Him, 'If You are willing, You can make me clean.' And Jesus, **moved with compassion**, put forth His hand, and touched Him, and said unto Him, 'I am willing; be you cleansed.' And as soon as He had spoken, **immediately** the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed. And **He** strictly charged him, and at once sent him away; and said unto him, '**See that you say nothing to any man**; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.' But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that **Jesus could no more openly enter into the city**, but was **out within deserted places**; and **they came to Him from all directions.**" ([Mark 1:40-45](#))

"And when it was daytime, He departed and went into a deserted place; and the people **sought Him, and came unto him**, and stayed with Him, so that He should not depart from them." ([Luke 4:42](#))

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Jesus's efforts to get away from the multitudes were for several reasons, including: Rest, Prayer, Safety, and private teaching times with His disciples:

Rest:

“And **He (Jesus)** said unto them, Come you yourselves alone **to a deserted place**, and **rest** a while; for there were many people coming and going, and they had no time so much as **to even eat**. And they departed unto a deserted place by boat, **by themselves**.” ([Mark 6:31](#))

“And the apostles, when they had returned, told **Him (Jesus)** all that they had done. And **He** took them, and **went away privately unto a deserted place** belonging to the city called Bethsaida.” ([Luke 9:10](#)) (after the 12 apostles were sent out by Jesus to proclaim the Kingdom of God)

Prayer:

“**And when He (Jesus)** had sent the multitudes away, **He went up into a mountain alone to pray**: and when the evening was come, He was there **alone**.” ([Matthew 14:23](#))

“And it came to pass in those days, that **He (Jesus)** went out unto a mountain to pray, **and continued all night in prayer to God**. And when it was day, **He** called unto **Himself** His disciples: and of them He chose twelve, whom also He named apostles.” ([Luke 6:12-13](#))

Safety:

Then Jesus said, " 'Truly, truly, I say unto you, If a man keeps My words, he shall never see death.' Then the Jews said unto Him, 'Now we know that You have a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If a man keeps My words, he shall never taste of death.' Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets who are dead? Whom do You make Yourself?' Jesus answered, 'If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing; it is My Father who honors Me; of whom you say, that He is your God. Yet you have not known Him; **but I know Him**; and if I should say, 'I know Him not,' I shall be a liar like unto you. But I do know Him, and keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day; and he saw it, and was glad.' Then said the Jews unto Him, 'You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?' Jesus said unto them, 'Truly, truly, I say unto you, before Abraham existed, I existed. Then took they up stones to cast at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the Temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.'" ([John 8:51-59](#))

“Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council, and said, 'What are we doing? for this Man is doing many miracles. If we leave Him thus alone, **all men will believe on Him**: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.' And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, 'You know nothing at all, nor consider that it is expedient for us, **that one man should die for the people**, so that the whole nation does not perish.' And this he spoke not of himself; but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation; and not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put Him to death. Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went from there to a country near to the wilderness, unto a city called Ephraim, and there continued with His disciples.” ([John 11:47-54](#))

Private times with His disciples:

“And when **He (Jesus)** was alone, those who were about Him, along with the twelve, asked of Him the (meaning of the) parables.” ([Mark 4:10](#)) (after hearing the parable of the Sower and the Seed)

“And with many such parables He (Jesus) spoke the word unto them, as they were able to hear. But without a parable **He** did not speak unto them: and when they **were alone**, **He** explained all things to **His** disciples.” ([Mark 4:33-34](#))

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“And it came to pass, as **He (Jesus)** was **alone** praying, and His disciples were with Him; He asked them, saying, 'Whom do the people say that I am?' They answering said, 'John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others say, that one of the old prophets is risen again.' **He** said unto them, 'But whom do you say that I am?' Peter answering said, '**The Christ** of God.' And He strictly charged them, and commanded them **to tell no man this thing**; saying, 'The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.' ” ([Luke 9:18-22](#))

In context, Jesus also tried to hide other things: he would often charge people to say nothing about their healing, or what they had seen, or concerning His identity as being the Christ; oftentimes without success!

“Then **He (Jesus)** charged His disciples that they should **tell no man** that He was **Jesus the Christ**. And from that time forth Jesus began to show unto His disciples, how He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.” ([Matthew 16:20-21](#))

“And after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them up onto a high mountain **alone**, and was transfigured before them; ... And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, '**Tell the vision to no man**, until the Son of Man has risen again from the dead.' ” ([Matthew 17:9](#))

“And they brought unto **Him (Jesus)** someone who was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they begged Him to put his hand upon him. And He took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and He spit, and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said unto him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. And **He charged them that they should tell no man; but the more He charged them, so much the more a great deal they proclaimed it.**” ([Mark 7:32-36](#))

“And it came to pass, when **He (Jesus)** was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy, who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and begged of Him, saying, '**Lord, if You are willing**, You can make me clean.' And He put forth His hand, and touched him, saying, 'I am willing; be you cleansed.' And immediately the leprosy departed from him. And **He charged him to tell no man**: but go, and show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.' But **so much the more went there a fame abroad of Him**; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. And **He withdrew Himself into the wilderness, and prayed.**” ([Luke 5:12-16](#))

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He hid Himself for times of Prayer alone with His Father in heaven !

He hid Himself for times of Rest with His close disciples !

He hid Himself for times of Safety from His enemies !

He hid Himself for times of private teaching with His disciples !

He hid Himself by withdrawing into remote wilderness areas !

Jesus also charge some people to say nothing about their healings, or what they had seen, or concerning His identity as being the Christ !

**Lord Jesus, thank You that You do not now hide Yourself from us!
Thank You that we are in You, and You are in us – Always and Always !!
All Praise and Glory be Yours Forever !!**