


A Day in THE Life: Jesus gets interrupted.


Matthew 14 & Mark 6


1. Jesus wanted time to Himself.

 Matthew 14:12–13a (NIV) “John’s disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus. ¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, He withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place.”


2. The disciples wanted time with Jesus.


 Mark 6:30–32 (NIV) “The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to Him all they had done and taught.”

 Mark 6:12–13 (NIV) “They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.”


 Matthew 10:7–8 (NIV) “As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.”

3. Jesus wanted time with His disciples.


 Mark 6:31-32 (NIV) “Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, He said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” ³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.”

 Luke 22:8–15 (NIV) “Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.” ⁹ “Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked. ¹⁰ He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, ¹¹ and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹² He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there.” ¹³ They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.”

4. The crowd wanted time with them.

 Mark 6:33 (NIV) “But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.”


5. Jesus made time for the crowd.

 Mark 6:34 (NIV) “When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So He began teaching them many things.”

 Matthew 14:14 (NIV) “When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them and healed their sick.”

IMPACT

- Imitating Christ
- Meeting Needs
- Proclaiming the Good News
- Assimilating people into the church
- Celebrating God
- Teaching the Word of God

What do you think of interruptions? Have you ever stopped to consider that interruptions might be divine appointments? We must study the stops of Jesus to follow in the steps of Jesus. Do your investigation...  How many of the recorded teachings of Jesus, found in the Bible, were scheduled ahead of time, and how many were in response to an interruption? If that was true of Him, and we are called to imitate Him, shouldn't we consider the possibility that God will most often and most profoundly use us when we allow ourselves to be interrupted?