

(7) First Preaching Tour of Galilee (Matt. 4:23-25; Mk. 1:35-39; Luke 4:42-44)

1. Jesus juggled a number of responsibilities.
 - a. Temporal family responsibilities (Mt. 4:13; Mk. 2:1; Jn. 2:12).
 - b. Disciple/Apostle training ministry (Mt. 4:19).
 - c. Public teaching ministry (Mt. 4:23; Mk. 1:38-39; Lk. 4:43).
 - d. Personal prayer ministry (Mk. 1:35).
2. Prayer to His Father was the most crucial element to starting His day.
 - a. Jesus made personal prayer a habit (Lk. 5:16). Pres.act.ptc. ὑποχωρέω hupochōreō ^{#5298}_{2x}: *to withdraw* (Lk. 5:16; 9:10).
 - b. Jesus needed time away from the crowds, and time away from the disciples (Mt. 14:23; Mk. 6:46).
 - c. Even in the presence of His disciples, Jesus wrestled with personal prayers for their edification (Lk. 9:18).
 - d. Prayer must be taught by instruction & imitation (Lk. 11:1).
 - e. Intercessory prayer is vital in the angelic conflict (Lk. 22:32).
 - f. Petitionary prayer is vital in obeying the Will of God (Mt. 26:39).
 - g. The privilege of prayer is the greatest feature of our priesthood in Christ (Heb. 5:7).
3. The Capernaum crowds tried to keep Jesus local, but He had an itinerate ministry to pursue (Lk. 4:42; Mk. 1:37,38).
4. The preaching ministry was to announce the Gospel of the Kingdom (Matt. 4:23).
 - a. The Kingdom of God (Lk. 4:43). The Gospel of God is the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand (Mk. 1:14,15).
 - b. The coming Kingdom is the primary message of eschatology (Dan. 2:44).
 - c. The Word of the Kingdom is the Gospel of Salvation with a Kingdom of Heaven focus (Matt. 13:11,19).
 - d. Preaching the Kingdom of God is an evangelism & edification message throughout the Church Age (Acts 20:25; 28:31).
 - e. The Gospel of the Kingdom will be the primary evangelism message of the Great Tribulation (Matt. 24:14).
5. This event also featured miscellaneous demon expulsions (Matt. 4:24; Mk. 1:39).