

**Tips to miss Jesus**  
**Mark 1:21-39**

1. Don't recognize His **AUTHORITY** and **TEACHINGS**

Rather settle for second best

V. 21-22 & 27

Jesus taught with real authority, rather than reciting text or requiring regulation above relationship with the Lord

If you don't listen to His teachings for you, you are denying His authority in your life.

2. Avoid **CONTACT** with Him

Avoid places He will likely show up

V. 27-28

Imagine how you would have felt if this was the day you had skipped church!

(Russel Wilson at PHS and people's responses)

Amazement was for those that were present, those not present only got to hear about what happened.

If you avoid putting yourself in places where you might avoid Him, you are likely to succeed

This isn't just church but your personal time, daily life, finances, relationships, job, prayer life, worship...

3. Find excuses to not **SERVE** Him

V. 31

Simon's mother-in-law served Jesus and the others immediately after being healed.

In Luke's version (the Physician) Chap 4 He describes it as a high/great fever

Immediately the fever left her!

Children sick with the fever and how they act

She had a valid reason to not serve

She was ministering out of gratitude to the one who just healed her

This wasn't a misogynistic thing; this was a woman who in the presence of the Lord did the first thing she thought of to honor Him.

If your life is impacted or changed by what Christ has done are you waiting for Him to serve you or are you going to serve Him out of passion and gratitude

4. Allow **YOUR WAYS** to come first

V. 32-33

Wait till evening? Why not go right away? Oh that's right there were religious restrictions on the day

They (religious leaders) had put limitations and regulations on all areas of life.

For example, the Sabbath. How far you are allowed to walk, not being able to help people aka Miracles

Religion keeps us from Christ

Yes, God made the Sabbath and told us to keep it Holy (Ex. 20 #4)

But man made it more restrictive

But Jesus shows us the truth in the command by the way He lived

Are your ways/habits coming first?

5. Don't be **PROACTIVE** when you look for Him  
V. 35-37

Peter and a few others went out and looked, he didn't just sit at home waiting to come back from getting His morning Egg McMuffin

for the purpose of bringing Him back to the town

Others stood at the door waiting for Him to return

They wanted to bring Him back to the town that was waiting for Him to return

You have 2 choices you either stand there waiting for Him to come to you or...

You get up and look!

6. Seek Him for what you **WANT** not what you **NEED**  
It's all about your priorities  
V. 38-39

Often, we confuse want and need

What if... Jesus gave us everything we wanted?  
(video Clip)

There were two types of people gathered at the house this morning:

1. Wanted more miracles
2. Wanted to celebrate Him and what He had done  
(the religious leaders were still trying to grasp what is happening)

Jesus needed to move on because people were focused on having their needs met

This isn't the pretty picture we paint of Jesus helping those around Him. People were lining up (they were Sick, paralyzed, parents of sick kids and Jesus had walked away)

Jesus main purpose was to preach  
2x it is mentioned, and He directly states this as the reason He come, before he even said it He lived it V.21

People were coming to Him for the experience not the transformation

Experiences are:

Past tense

Temporary and fleeting

Feel good or inspirational

Christ was leaving these behind Him

Transformation is:

Active and ongoing

Moving from the old to the new

Can be painful and exciting

Involve your whole self (Body, Mind & Spirit)

Deuteronomy 6:5

Galatians 6:15

This is what Christ was here to do

What if... the more we pursue Him with our wants, the farther He moves away from us?

What about you are you seeking the experience or the transformation?