

ENTERING SILENCE & PRAYER WITH JESUS



Jesus regularly goes out into places to be alone, or quiet, or to pray. It's easy to read the Gospels through our ever-busied 'do to succeed' Western eyes and miss this. So maybe as you explore silence as a practice, being alone with yourself and with God, you want to read through the gospels and pay careful attention to Jesus' rhythm of rest and presence. Not all of the accounts are 'silent prayer', but they are very telling!

Here are some passages in which are buried some of those accounts:

Mark 1:9-13

Mark 1:35-37

Luke 5:12-16

Mark 3:7 (Jesus tries to withdraw)

Luke 6:12-16

Matthew 13:1

Matthew 14:1-14

Mark 6:30-32

Matthew 14:22-23 + Mark 6:45-46

Luke 9:18-20

Matthew 15:29-31 (pause on verse 29, for just a moment)

Mark 9:1-9 + Matthew 17:1-8

Luke 11:1

Mark 14:32-42