



**(SLIDE #1) THE BUSY LIFE OF
JESUS AND YOU!**

Introduction:

- A. Which Of These Statements Describes Your Typical Conversations?
1. “I wish I had something to do! I am just bored.”
 2. “I am so busy I can’t even enjoy life.”
- B. If You Have Nothing To Do, Listen To Scripture:
1. Pr. 26:13 “The lazy *man* says, ‘*There is a lion in the road! A fierce lion is in the streets!*’”
 2. Pr. 18:9 “He who is slothful in his work Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.”
 3. Pr. 6:6-11 “Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, ⁷Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, ⁸Provides her supplies in the summer, *And* gathers her food in the harvest. ⁹How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep? ¹⁰A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep-- ¹¹So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.”
 4. Paul cautions about young widows becoming idle and elaborated upon the consequences. I Tim. 5:13 “And besides they learn *to be* idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not.”
- C. If You Are Too Busy To Enjoy Life, To Do Good, And To Have A Spiritual Focus, Compare Your Life To Jesus!

I. (Slide #2) Jesus Was Known As One Who Was Busy Doing Good!

- A. Nicodemus Observed: “This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, ‘Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.’” Jn. 3:2

- B. Peter Taught Cornelius And His House About Jesus: “how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.” Ac. 10:38

- C. And He Had This Reputation Even Though People Were CONSTANTLY Wanting His Attention And His Time!

II. (Slide #3) Three Days In The Life Of Jesus.

- A. **(Slide #4) A Day In His Early Ministry. Mk. 1:16-39**
 - 1. Walking by the Sea of Galilee in the early morning, He called Peter, Andrew, And John to become “Fishers of Men!” 16-20

 - 2. He taught in the synagogue. 21-22

 - 3. He cast out a demon from a man in the synagogue. 23-28

 - 4. Leaving the synagogue, in the afternoon He went to Peter and Andrews house with James and John. That is where He healed Peter’ mother-in-law. 29-31

 - 5. People brought all of their sick so that He might heal them and the demon-possessed so that He might cast out the demons! 32-34

 - 6. In the early morning before the light of day arose, He went to a very quiet place where He could be along and prayed! 35-39

- B. **(Slide #5) Tuesday Before His Crucifixion:**
 - 1. He and His Apostles left Bethany and headed toward Jerusalem; they saw the fig tree withered. Mk. 11;19-25

 - 2. The Sanhedrin members challenged His authority; He questioned them about John’s baptism; they refused to answer. Mk. 11:27-12:22; Mt. 21:23-22:14 (He told the three parables -- The Parable of the Two Sons, The Parable of the Wicked Husbandman, and The Parable of the Marriage Feast of the King’s Son.

 - 3. The Pharisees And Herodians asked about paying taxes to Caesar. Mk. 12:13-17

 - 4. The Sadducees asked the question about Levirate Marriage. Mk. 12:18-27

 - 5. A scribe asked about the Greatest Commandment. Mk. 12:28-34

6. Jesus silenced His attackers by asking how the Lord, Jesus, could be the son of David. Mk. 12:35-37
7. He scathingly denounced the scribes and Pharisees; Mk. 12:38-40; Mt. 23:1-39
8. He gave the lengthy teaching about the Fall of Jerusalem and the events at the end of the world! Mk. 13:1-37; Mt. 24, 25
9. He predicted His imminent Crucifixion. Mk. 14:1,2; Mt. 26:1-5
10. In Bethany, at the house of Simon the leper, Mary anointed Jesus for His burial. Mk. 14:3-9; Mt. 26:6-13

C. **(Slide #6)** From Noon On Thursday To Noon On Friday:

1. Preparation for the Passover observance. Mk 14:12-16; Mt. 26:17-19
2. Jesus and His Apostles observe the Passover Meal. Mk. 14:17-25; Mt. 26:20-29; Jn. 13-17
3. Jesus agonizes in the Garden of Gethsemane. Mk. 14:26, 32-42; Mt. 26:30, 36-46; Lk. 22:39-46
4. Jesus arrested. Mk. 14:43-52; Mt. 26:47-56; Lk. 22:47-53; Jn. 18:2-12
5. Jesus tried by Annas. Jn. 18:12-14; 19-23
6. Jesus tried by Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin. Mk. 14:53-65; Mt. 26:57-68 (During this time Peter denied Him 3 times, Mk. 14:54, 66-72; Mt. 26:48, 69-75; Jn. 18:15-18, 25-27)
7. He was formally condemned by the Sanhedrin. Mk. 15:1; Mt. 27:1; Lk. 22:66-71
8. He was sent to be tried by Pilate. Mk. 15:1-5; Mt. 27:2, 11-14; Lk. 23:1-5; Jn. 18:28-38
9. Pilate sent Him to be tried by Herod. Lk. 23:6-12
10. Herod sent Him back to be tried again by Pilate. He was scourged and sent to be crucified! Mk. 15:6-15; Mt. 27:15-26
11. He was mocked by the Roman soldiers. Mk. 15:16-19; Mt. 27:27-30

12. He was paraded through Jerusalem on the way to Golgotha. Mk. 15:20-23; Mt. 27:31-34
13. He was Crucified. Mk. 15:24; Mt. 27:35; Lk. 23:33; Jn. 19:18
14. He hung on the Cross for three hours; He died about noon! Mk. 15:25-37; Mt. 27:36-50; Lk. 23:34-46; Jn. 19:23-30

III. (Slide #7) Jesus Was Not Too Busy To:

- A. (▶) Obey The Lord.
 1. He went to the Jordan to be baptized.
 2. He prepared His Apostles and the world for His Kingdom to come.
 3. He fulfilled Heaven's Will by dying on the Cross. Heb. 5:8,9
- B. (▶) Pray.
 1. At His Baptism. Lk. 3:21
 2. Before the most important events of His ministry:
 - a. Selecting His Apostles. Lk. 6:12
 - b. Before His Arrest and Crucifixion! Mt. 26:36-44
- C. (▶) Take Time For Individuals.
 1. Nicodemus. Jn. 3:1,2
 2. The woman of Samaria at the well outside Sychar. Jn. 4:6-30
 3. The adulterous woman who was being humiliated by the Jews. Jn. 8:3-11
- D. (▶) Be Compassionate With The Sick!
 1. Mt. 8:16 "When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,"
 2. Specific examples:
 - a. Peter's mother-in-law. Mk. 1:29-31
 - b. Leper. Mk. 1:40-42
 - c. The paralytic. Mk. 2:1-12
 - d. Three times he raised the dead.
 - e. The centurion's servant. Mk. 7:24-30

- E. (▶) Comfort The Bereaved!
 1. He wept with Martha and Mary. Jn. 11:35
 2. He cared for the widow at Nain whose son had died. Lk. 7:11-16

- F. (Slide #8) Attend Social Events.
 1. He visited in people's homes; he accepted invitations to meals.
 2. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus in Bethany.
 3. Simon the Pharisee. Lk. 7:36-50

- G. (▶) Go To Weddings.
 1. He was the Creator of the home! You would expect Him to honor marriage!
 2. Jn. 2:1-11 At Cana, He performed His first miracle.

- H. (▶) To Worship.
 1. Lk. 4:16 "So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read."
 2. You see Him often in the Synagogue and at the Temple for the Feasts! When worship time arrived, He was there!

- I. (▶) To Notice The Creation And Its Lessons.
 1. He saw the birds of the air and lilies of the field. Mt. 6:26-29
 2. The meaning of a red sky in the evening. Mt. 16:2,3

- J. (▶) To Have Private Time To Be Refreshed.
 1. Mk. 6:31 "And He said to them, 'Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.' For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat."
 2. He surely needed time to just rest His mind and body.

IV. (Slide #9) Lessons From The Life Of Jesus For US Today!

- A. (▶) Busyness Can Keep Us From Doing Good!

1. He only had 3 ½ years to be here; He was determined to do what He came here to do!
2. Eph. 5:16 “redeeming the time,”
3. And He did! Jn. 19:30 “It is finished!”

B. (►) Busyness Can Keep Us From Gaining Spiritual Blessings!

1. Lk. 10:38-42 “Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, ‘Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.’ ⁴¹And Jesus answered and said to her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. ⁴²But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.’”
2. Mary and Martha were thrilled to have Jesus in their home.
3. Martha was focused upon serving Him; Mary was intent upon learning from Him.
4. We need to be willing to choose “the good part!” As Jesus said to Martha, “Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.” Lk. 10:42

C. (►) Busyness Can Choke Spiritual Life And Maturity!

1. In the Parable of the Soils, Jesus talked about the “thorny soil.” Lk. 8:11-15
2. The “thorny soil” describes good soil that receives the Word and It grows!
3. However, the good plants are “choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.” Lk. 8:14

D. (Slide #10) Put Your Focus Upon The SUPERIOR, NOT Upon The Inferior!

1. Often we put our most intense focus upon things that are the inferior -- that which decays, can be stolen, becomes worthless, and passes away!
2. I Jn. 2:17 “And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”

3. The will of God is SO MUCH MORE VALUABLE than things; things are inferior; the will of God is superior -- it endures forever! It prepares us for Heaven!
- E. (▶) Be Willing To Walk Away From Things Of Lesser Import To Put You Focus You That Which Is Of Eternal Importance!
1. Paul had it all as a young, up-and-coming Jew!
 2. Yet, when he was converted to Christ, all of his priorities changed!
 3. Phil. 3:13,14 “Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”
- F. (▶) Be Alert To Needs Right “Under Your Nose;” Don’t Let Busyness Keep You From Helping Others!
1. The Good Samaritan. Lk. 10:25-37
 - a. A lawyer asked Jesus “Who is my neighbor?”
 - b. Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan.
 - c. A Jewish man traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho was attacked, beaten, robbed, and left for dead.
 - d. A priest was going down that road, saw the beaten man, and passed by.
 - e. A Levite also saw this beaten man and passed by.
 - f. A Samaritan saw this pitiful man, had compassion, treated his wounds, put him on his donkey and took him to an inn, left money to pay for his continued care, and promised to come by and pay any other charges.
 2. How many times do we ignore one who needs help or encouragement because we are too busy?
 3. How often do we pass an opportunity to help because we are in too big of a hurry to get to an appointment?
 4. How often do we pass an opportunity to help because we are in too big of a hurry to get home?
- G. (Slide #11) Do Not Let Busyness Keep You From Noticing And Influencing Children -- Do Not Miss An Opportunity To Be A Blessing To And An Encouragement To Children!
1. Mt. 19:13-15 “Then little children were brought to Him that He might put *His* hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such

is the kingdom of heaven.’ ¹⁵And He laid *His* hands on them and departed from there.”

2. You never know what your attention may mean to a child!
 3. Your time may encourage a child to want to serve God, to be a Bible Class teacher, a deacon, an elder, or a preacher.
- H. (▶) Slow Down And See God’s Creative Genius Around Us!
1. Ps. 46:10 “Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”
 2. Learn all you can from the creation; stand in awe of God!
- I. (▶) Make Time To Absorb And Apply God’s Word To Your Life!
1. Read It -- THAT’S NOT ENOUGH!
 2. Absorb It!
 3. Apply It To Your Life!
- J. (▶) Make Time To Pray!
1. Stay close to the Lord!
 2. Talk with Him about your needs, concerns, and fears.
 3. “Pray without ceasing.” I Thess. 5:17
- K. (Slide #12) Do Not Let Minutiae Keep You From Seeing The Big Picture And What Is REALLY Important!
1. We can be SO busy with small, unimportant things that we ignore the big things!
 2. Ask yourself, “What is of greatest importance?”
- L. (▶) Trust The Lord As You Put Your Focus Upon Eternal Things!
1. Mt. 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”
 2. Believe with all your heart that “God Will Take Care Of You!”

M. (▶) Use Your Life For Good While You Are Here And While You Are Able; You Will Not Be Here Very Long!

1. Imitate Jesus!
2. It Is No Wonder That He Was So Busy -- That Was His Mission!
 - a. He understood that mission:
 - b. Jn. 4:34 “Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.’”
 - c. Jn. 9:4 “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the* night is coming when no one can work.”
3. He had much to do during the short time he was here on Earth! WE DO TOO!

(Slide #13) Conclusion:

- A. Jesus Teaches Us About Being Busy And Accomplishing Our Utmost Task!
 1. Jn. 17:4 “I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.”
 2. Jn. 19:30 “It is finished!”
- B. We Can Be SO Busy That We Accomplish Little!
 1. Someone said, “Beware of the barrenness of a busy life.”
 2. Busyness is only a virtue when we are accomplishing something worthwhile.
 3. Jesus showed us how to live a busy life and still be productive!
- C. Challenge: Examine Your Life; Are You Living It As Jesus Would Have You To Live It?