

October 6 Answers

- 1) Jesus had a **healing** and exorcism ministry in the region of Galilee. This fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: “He took our **illnesses** and bore our **diseases**” (Matt 8:17; Isa 53:4a). This teaches us that certain aspects of Jesus’ earthly ministry were **unique** to his role as the **Servant** spoken of by Isaiah (Isa 42:1–4; 49:1–6; 50:4–9; 52:13–53:12). As Jesus’ disciples, we’re not called to **duplicate** Jesus’ ministry. Instead, we’re called to **follow** the leadership of the Holy Spirit and **do** the work God has for us to do. In the middle of a successful ministry in Capernaum, Jesus left early in the morning, while it was still **dark**, and went away to a secluded place where he could **pray** (Mark 1:35). He did this **regularly** (Luke 5:16), and his example is something we should follow. As disciples, it’s imperative that we **listen** to God’s Word each day and **respond** to what He has said. This is how to have a vibrant, healthy relationship with God.