

Jesus' Humble 'No extra Attention' approach to His Public Ministry

Examples of Jesus' Pious Devotion; obediently following traditions of faith

Matthew 3:13-15 "Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. **John tried to prevent him**, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him.

Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."

Mark 1:44 Then Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

Luke 17:14 "And when he saw them (ten lepers), he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed." (Luke 5:14 a single leper cured; same prescription)

Examples of Jesus Regularly attending and gathering in Synagogues

Luke 4:16 "He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went **according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day.**"

Jesus was regularly and frequently teaching or attending in synagogues (Mark 1:21, Mark 6:2, Luke 4:16-30, Luke 6:6-11, Luke 13:10-16, Luke 14:1-5)

Examples of Jesus Regularly Making Trips to Temple & Observing Feasts

From His Birth-Traditional Customs—Luke 2:22 "When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."

Luke 2:41-42 "Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom."

John 2: 13 "Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem." (*This becomes the cleansing*)

Other two Passover Feasts in His Public Ministry-Period 2nd) John 6:4 and 3rd) John 13:1. Note that John 12:12 "On the next day, when the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem—" *This became the Palm procession (Was Jesus fashionably late?)*

John 4:45 "When he came into Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all he had done in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves had gone to the feast."

John 5: 1 "After this, there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem."

John 7:8-10 "You go up to the feast (of Tabernacles-v.2). I am not going up to this feast, because my time has not yet been fulfilled." After he had said this, he stayed on in Galilee. But when his brothers had gone up to the feast, he himself also went up, not openly but [as it were] in secret.

John 7:14 "When the feast was already half over, Jesus went up into the temple area and began to teach." (Jesus vacillating about timing; or giving an opportunity for His Apostles)

Teaching of Jesus Reflects Devout Temple Observance (making sacrifices/offering at the temple

Matthew 5:23-24 "Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there **at the altar**, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

Faithful about Temple Tax Payment

Matthew 17:24-27 "When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax approached Peter and said, "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?" "Yes," he said. When he came into the

house, before he had time to speak, Jesus asked him, "What is your opinion, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take tolls or census tax? From their subjects or from foreigners?" When he said, "From foreigners," Jesus said to him, "Then the subjects are exempt. But that we may not offend them, go to the sea, drop in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up. Open its mouth and you will find a coin worth twice the temple tax. Give that to them for me and for you."

Prepare for Passover – Just Right

Luke 22:7-9 When the day of the feast of Unleavened Bread arrived, the day for sacrificing the Passover lamb, he sent out Peter and John, instructing them, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." They asked him, "Where do you want us to make the preparations?"

Follows what 'Moses Prescribed'

Mark 1:44 "go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed;"

Luke 17:14 "And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests."

Matthew 11:5 'Go tell John lepers are cleansed,..."

Mathew 23:2-3 "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you,..."

Humility of Jesus as God's Son Come to Serve (unlike Pharisees-Priests)

Jesus did not want to (toot his own horn-Matt 6:2) or (wear his religion on his sleeve-Matt 23:5)

Matthew 6:2 "When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do..."

Matt 23:5 "All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their **phylacteries** (see pictures below) and lengthen their tassels."



Tefillah

Deuteronomy 6:8-9 "Bind them on your arm as a sign and let them be as a pendant on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates."

Temptation to Self-Glorification

John 8:54 "Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is worth nothing; but it is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.'

John 14:10 "The words that I speak to you *I do not speak on my own*. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works."

Matthew 4:5-7 " Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you' and 'with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.'"

Luke 23:3 "Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so."

Yet also, Jesus celebrate the Personal Encounter – Dignified Discretion

Matthew 9:27-28 "as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying out, "Son of David, have pity on us!" **When Jesus entered the house**, the blind men approached him and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I can do this?" "Yes, Lord," they said to him."

Mark 7: 33 "He **took him (deaf man) off by himself away from the crowd**. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue"

Mark 5:30-32 "Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who has touched my clothes?" But his disciples said to him, "You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it."

Another consideration – Balance 'Go tell it on the Mountain' vs 'Keep it to yourself'

1) Show and tell

Matthew 5:15 "Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house."

Matthew 10:27 "What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops."

2) But, Avoid Pomp

Matthew 6:3-4 "But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret."

Matthew 6:6 "when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret."

Matthew 6:17-18 "But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to others to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden."

But again, Tobit 12:6-7 "Raphael called the two of them aside privately and said to them: "Bless God and **give him thanks before all the living** for the good things he has done for you, by blessing and extolling his name in song. **Proclaim before all with due honor the deeds of God**, and do not be slack in thanking him. A king's secret should be kept secret, but one ***must declare the works of God*** and give thanks with due honor. Do good, and evil will not overtake you."

Maybe it is All about Timing

Matthew 17:9 "As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone **until** the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

John 2:4 "how does your concern affect me? ***My hour has not yet come.***"

John 7:30 "So they tried to arrest him, but no one laid a hand upon him, because his hour had not yet come."

John 8:20 "He spoke these words while teaching in the treasury in the temple area. But no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come."

But then it comes, in John 13:1 "Jesus knew that his hour had come...."

But publicly identified or not, good remains good and has its effect (proclaimed or not)

Romans 2:26-28 "Again, if an uncircumcised man keeps the precepts of the law, will he not be considered circumcised? Indeed, those who are physically uncircumcised but carry out the law will pass judgment on you, with your written law and circumcision, who break the law. One is not a Jew outwardly. True circumcision is not outward, in the flesh. Rather, one is a Jew inwardly, and circumcision is of the heart, in the spirit, not the letter; his praise is not from humans but from God."