

The Four Gospels of the Bible, Preaching in Galilee

Luke 4:42-44

⁴² At daybreak, Jesus went out to solitary place. The people were looking for him and they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. (NIV)

He left the next day for open country. But the crowds went looking, and when they found him, clung to him so he couldn't go on. He told them, "Don't you realize that there are other villages where I have to tell the Message of God's Kingdom?"
Meanwhile, he kept preaching in the meeting places of Galilee.

Don't you realize...

Realize what? That Jesus had spread the Good News and so must continue his travels to other towns. Remember that Jesus had no home or place call his own; rather, Jesus was an itinerant preacher whose chief purpose was to God to the people. He prayed, he preached, and he ultimately paid the price for our sins...and our salvation.

Looking for Him

Though he was traveling about, the people came looking for him; yes, they wanted to see and hear this man said to be a prophet by some, but who apparently had a message with meaning for many.

They Clung to Him

When I read this passage (from *The Message*), my immediate thought turned to a child that clings to their parent; a child that fears they will be separated from their parent without any sense of time or limit. The child will cry and plead, if just to sound his desire – even dependence – on that person with whom he has come to need and rely. Who can blame him for his basic and apparent need for the one central to his life? Once that parent is out-of-sight, the child may gradually adapt to his separation; yet, he has not forgotten that face, that voice, and that place for which he rested in the arms of his own.

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