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Texts:

Matthew 12:15-21,

15. Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. Many followed him, and he healed all their sick,

16. warning them not to tell who he was.

17. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

18. “Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

19. He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets.

20. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory.

21. In his name the nations will put their hope.”

Mark 3:7-12,

7. Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed.

8. When they heard all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon.

9. Because of the crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him.

10. For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him.

11. Whenever the evil spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.”

12. But he gave them strict orders not to tell who he was.

Commentary:

I. Jesus understood the Jews were plotting to kill him.

A. He left the location where he was and made his way toward the Sea of Galilee.

1. Matthew 10:23, When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

B. Many followed Jesus. He healed all the sick among them.

II. Jesus urged these people not to broadcast that he was the Messiah.

A. This was done to avoid a pre-mature showdown between Jesus and the Jews.

III. The area where Jesus was going had a heavy Gentile population.

A. The Old Testament had foretold this.

B. Isaiah 42:1-7, “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be

discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope.” This is what God the Lord says – he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

C. Isaiah clearly presented Jesus as a teacher, not as a conquering military warrior.

IV. Followers of Jesus came from:

A. Galilee

B. Judaea

C. Jerusalem

D. Idumaea which extended from the far south all the way to Arabia.

E. Beyond (east of) the Jordan

F. Tyre and Sidon were northwest of Galilee.

V. Jesus directed that a little boat be made ready for him so he could avoid the press of the crowd.

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Questions

1. Many followed _____ and he and his _____ withdrew to the _____.
2. Jesus _____ all their _____. When they heard all Jesus was doing, people came to him from _____, _____, _____, and the regions across the _____ and _____ around _____ and _____.
3. The _____ made ready a _____ to keep the people from _____ him.
4. Whenever _____ saw Jesus they fell down before him and cried, "You are the _____ of _____."
5. Jesus gave _____ that no one tell _____ he was.
6. Isaiah had written that God's _____ would _____ to the _____.

7. He would not _____ or _____
_____ ; no one will _____ his
_____ in the _____. What does this mean?

8. A _____ he will not break, and a
_____ he will not _____
out, till he leads _____ to victory.

9. What does this mean? _____

10. Why did Jesus command people not to broadcast that he was the
Messiah? _____
