

John 8:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.

Analysis

Jesus withdraws to the Mount of Olives, a place of prayer and solitude. This pattern of public ministry followed by private retreat demonstrates the rhythm of gospel work - active service balanced with communion with the Father. The Reformed tradition values both Word and prayer as essential to faithful ministry.

Historical Context

The Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem across the Kidron Valley, was Jesus' regular retreat during His Jerusalem visits (Luke 21:37). Gethsemane, site of His agony and arrest, was located on its slopes.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How do you balance active ministry with time alone with God?
2. What role does solitude play in sustaining faithful service?
3. When do you need to withdraw from crowds to commune with the Father?

Interlinear Text

Ἰησοῦς δὲ ἐπορεύθη εἰς τὸ Ὄρος τῶν Ἐλαιῶν
Jesus G1161 went unto G3588 the mount G3588 of Olives G1636
G2424 G4198 G1519 G3735

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