

John 8:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

Analysis

Jesus returns early to the temple to teach, demonstrating His commitment to public proclamation of truth. The people came to Him eagerly, showing the crowds' hunger for authentic spiritual teaching. Christ's pattern - withdrawal for prayer, return for teaching - models the source and practice of effective ministry.

Historical Context

Teaching in the temple courts was common practice for rabbis during major feasts. The early morning timing suggests Jesus taught during the first of three daily prayer times when devout Jews gathered.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What draws people to authentic biblical teaching?
2. How does time with God prepare you for ministry to others?
3. What characterizes teaching that genuinely helps people?

Interlinear Text

Ὥρθρου δὲ πάλιν παρεγένετο εἰς τὸ ἱερόν καὶ
early in the morning And again he came into the temple and
G3722 G1161 G3825 G3854 G1519 G3588 G2411 G2532

πᾶς ὁ λαὸς ἤρχετο πρὸς αὐτούς καὶ καθίσας
all the people came unto him and he sat down
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ἐδίδασκεν αὐτούς
and taught him
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Additional Cross-References

Matthew 26:55 (Temple): In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.

Luke 4:20 (Parallel theme): And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

Luke 21:37 (Temple): And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called the mount of Olives.