

# Mark 9:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it.

## Analysis

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After the exorcism, 'they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it' (ἐξελθόντες ἐκεῖθεν παρεπορεύοντο διὰ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν ἵνα τις γνοῖ). Jesus avoided publicity, continuing the 'messianic secret' theme. His secrecy had strategic purpose: focusing on disciple training rather than popular acclaim. The phrase 'passed through' (pareporeuonto, παρεπορεύοντο) suggests deliberate travel without public ministry stops. Jesus was journeying toward Jerusalem and death (v. 31), and needed focused time to prepare disciples for the coming crisis. This demonstrates Jesus' priorities—deep discipleship over broad popularity. Effective ministry requires seasons of withdrawal for intensive teaching, not constant public activity.

## Historical Context

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Galilee was Jesus' primary ministry region, where His fame was greatest (Mark 1:28). Deliberately avoiding publicity while passing through His home territory shows Jesus' determination to prioritize disciple preparation. First-century Palestine had no privacy—traveling rabbis attracted crowds wherever they went. Jesus' desire 'that no one should know' indicates He took deliberate measures to avoid attention, perhaps traveling quickly or staying with friends privately. This occurred during Jesus' final months before crucifixion. The urgency of preparing disciples for His death and resurrection superseded popular ministry. Luke 9:51 states Jesus 'steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem'—His focus was singular.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus' withdrawal from public ministry to focus on disciple training challenge contemporary emphases on numerical growth over depth?
2. What does Jesus' strategic avoidance of publicity teach about seasons when ministry requires focused preparation rather than broad outreach?

## Interlinear Text

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Καὶ ἐκεῖθεν ἐξελθόντες παρεπορεύοντο διὰ τῆς  
**And** **thence** **they departed** **and passed** **through** **G3588**  
G2532 G1564 G1831 G3899 G1223

Γαλιλαίας Καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν ἵνα τις γνῶ·  
**Galilee** **And** **not** **he would** **that** **any man** **should know**  
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