

Acts 1:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem;
insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue,
Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.

Analysis

The public knowledge of Judas' fate - 'known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem' - served as divine judgment displayed openly. The Aramaic 'Aceldama' (field of blood) memorialized both the blood money and the bloody death, testifying to God's justice.

Historical Context

Jerusalem's inhabitants knew the field's history, making it a permanent reminder of betrayal's consequences. This public knowledge strengthened the church's testimony about Jesus' death and resurrection.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does public knowledge of divine judgment serve as testimony to God's righteousness?
2. What lasting testimonies of God's justice or mercy exist in your community?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	γνωστὸν	ἐγένετο	πάσιν	τοῖς	κατοικοῦσιν	
And	known	it was	unto all	G3588	the dwellers	
G2532	G1110	G1096	G3956		G2730	
Ἰερουσαλήμ	ὥστε	κληθῆναι	τὸ	Χωρίον	ἐκεῖνο	τῇ
at Jerusalem	insomuch as	is called	G3588	field	that	G3588
G2419	G5620	G2564		G5564	G1565	
ἰδίᾳ	διαλέκτῳ	αὐτῶν	Ἀκελδαμά,	τοῦτ'	ἔστιν	Χωρίον
proper	tongue	in their	Aceldama	G5124	G2076	field
G2398	G1258	G846	G184			G5564
Αἵματος						
of blood						
G129						

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