

Acts 16:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

Analysis

'They spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.' Gospel proclamation was immediate and inclusive - both the jailor and his household heard. The 'word of the Lord' is sufficient for salvation. Paul didn't merely perform miracles; he preached Christ. True evangelism centers on the proclaimed word.

Historical Context

Household evangelism was common in the early church (Acts 10:2, 16:15, 18:8). The head of household's conversion often led to whole family conversions, reflecting ancient social structures.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. Why is proclaiming the word essential to genuine evangelism?
2. How can we share the gospel with entire households, not just individuals?
3. What does it mean that the word of the Lord is sufficient for salvation?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἐλάλησαν	αὐτοῦ	τὸν	λόγον	τοῦ	κυρίου	καὶ	πᾶσιν
And	they spake	his	G3588	the word	G3588	of the Lord	And	to all
G2532	G2980	G846		G3056		G2962	G2532	G3956
τοῖς	ἐν	τῇ	οἰκίᾳ	αὐτοῦ				
G3588		G3588	house	his				
		G1722	G3614	G846				

Additional Cross-References

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (Parallel theme): So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

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