Acts 5:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

> There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

Analysis

The expansion - 'there came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one' - describes gospel's centrifugal force. Jerusalem became healing center, drawing regional crowds. The inclusive statement 'healed every one' (Greek 'hapantes') emphasizes complete success rate, validating divine power. Distinguishing 'sick folks' from 'vexed with unclean spirits' recognizes both natural illness and demonic oppression, with Christ's power addressing both.

Historical Context

Regional pilgrimage to Jerusalem for healing paralleled temple worship patterns but now centered on apostolic ministry. 'Cities round about' included Judea and Samaria, fulfilling Acts 1:8's geographical expansion. Complete healing success contrasted with pagan healing shrines' limited results.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What does 'healed every one' teach about God's power and willingness to heal?
2. How does distinguishing physical illness from spiritual oppression inform compassionate ministry?

Interlinear Text

συνήρχετο	δὲ	καὶ	τὸ	πλῆθος	τῶν	πέριξ	πόλεων
There came	G1161	also	G3588	a multitude	G3588	round about	out of the cities
G4905		G2532		G4128		G4038	G4172

εἴς	Ἰερουσαλήμ	φέροντες	ἀσθενεῖς	καὶ	ὀχλουμένους
unto	Jerusalem	bringing	sick	also	them which were vexed
G1519	G2419	G5342	G772	G2532	G3791

ὑπὸ	πνευμάτων	ἀκαθάρτων	οἵτινες	ἐθεραπεύοντο	ἅπαντες
with	spirits	unclean	and they	were healed	every one
G5259	G4151	G169	G3748	G2323	G537