

John 4:52

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

Analysis

The nobleman's inquiry about the timing demonstrates desire to connect the healing with Jesus' word. The servants' specific answer ('Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him') provides empirical correlation. This precision serves faith —John includes such details to build confidence that Jesus' word effects immediate results even at distance.

Historical Context

The 'seventh hour' by Roman reckoning was 7 PM, by Jewish reckoning was 1 PM. The fever's sudden departure ('left him') indicates miraculous rather than natural recovery. The nobleman's overnight delay before returning home suggests the late hour when he received Jesus' word.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How do specific details and timing sometimes strengthen our faith in God's providential work?
2. Why does John include such precise chronological markers in his Gospel accounts?

Interlinear Text

ἐπύθετο οὖν παρ' αὐτὸν τὴν ὥραν ἐν ή
enquired he Then of him G3588 hour when G3739
G4441 G3767 G3844 G846 G5610 G1722

κομψότερον ἔσχεν· καὶ εἰπον αὐτὸν ὅτι Χθὲς ὥραν
to amend he began And they said him G3754 Yesterday hour
G2866 G2192 G2532 G2036 G846 G5504 G5610

ἔβδομην ἀφῆκεν αὐτὸν ὁ πυρετός
at the seventh left him G3588 the fever G4446
G1442 G863 G846

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