

John 5:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

Analysis

The healed man's answer 'He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk' shifts responsibility to Jesus while acknowledging His authority to heal. His obedience to Jesus' command despite Sabbath prohibition shows prioritizing the Healer's word over religious tradition. Christ's authority supersedes ceremonial law.

Historical Context

Jewish tradition prohibited carrying burdens on the Sabbath (Jeremiah 17:21-22). The Pharisees expanded this to include even a mat. The healed man's defense appeals to Jesus' authority as the one who effected the miracle.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How do we navigate tension between Christ's commands and human religious traditions?
2. What does this man's answer reveal about the relationship between experiencing Christ's power and submitting to His authority?

Interlinear Text

ἀπεκρίθη αὐτοῖς ὁ ποιήσας με ὁγιὴ ἐκεῖνός μοι
He answered them He that made me whole the same unto me
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εἶπεν Ἄρον τὸν κράββατον σου καὶ περιπάτει
said Take up G3588 bed thy and walk
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