

John 5:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.

Analysis

That the healed man 'wist not who it was' shows Jesus' quiet departure and lack of self-promotion. Jesus had 'conveyed himself away' (withdrawn) because of the crowd, avoiding both acclaim and premature confrontation. This demonstrates Christ's control over the timing of His conflicts and His disinterest in personal fame.

Historical Context

Jesus frequently withdrew from crowds after miracles (Mark 1:45, Luke 5:15-16). His departure here prevented the healed man from becoming a spectacle or Jesus from being immediately identified as the Sabbath 'violator.'

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. Why does Jesus often withdraw from public attention after miracles?
2. What does Christ's quiet departure teach about humility and avoiding manipulation of others' gratitude?

Interlinear Text

ο	δὲ	ἰαθεὶς	οὐκ	ἔδει	τίς	ἐστιν	ο	γὰρ
G3588	And	he that was healed	not	wist	who	it was	G3588	for
G1161		G2390	G3756	G1492	G5101	G2076		G1063
Ἰησοῦς		ἐξένευσεν	ὄχλον	ὄντος	ἐν	τῷ	τόπῳ	
Jesus		had conveyed himself away	a multitude	being	in	G3588	that place	
G2424		G1593	G3793	G5607	G1722		G5117	

Additional Cross-References

Luke 24:31 (Parallel theme): And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

Luke 4:30 (Parallel theme): But he passing through the midst of them went his way.

John 14:9 (References Jesus): Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

John 8:59 (References Jesus): Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.