

John 5:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

Analysis

Christ's authoritative command 'Rise, take up thy bed, and walk' demonstrates His power to heal instantaneously without ritual or process. The three imperatives progress logically: rise (receive life), take up thy bed (acknowledge healing), walk (live in the power of healing). This physical healing illustrates spiritual salvation: we who were dead in sin are raised to new life (Ephesians 2:5), take up our old life as testimony, and walk in newness of life.

Historical Context

The command to carry his bed on the Sabbath deliberately provoked controversy, as Pharisees considered it unlawful work. Jesus used this to teach that He, as Lord of the Sabbath (Mark 2:28), has authority over Sabbath regulations and that God's mercy supersedes ceremonial law.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What 'beds' of infirmity or sin is Christ calling you to take up and leave behind?

2. How does this miracle demonstrate that Christ's power is immediate and complete?

Interlinear Text

λέγει	αὐτῷ	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	ἐγείραι	ἄρον	τὸν	κράββατον
saith	unto him	G3588	Jesus	Rise	take up	G3588	bed
G3004	G846		G2424	G1453	G142		G2895
σου	καὶ	περιπάτει					
thy	and	walk					
G4675	G2532	G4043					

Additional Cross-References

Luke 5:24 (Resurrection): But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

Matthew 9:6 (Resurrection): But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

Mark 2:11 (Resurrection): I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

Acts 9:34 (Resurrection): And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.