

John 5:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

Analysis

'And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked.' Healing is instantaneous and complete. After 38 years of paralysis, he immediately walks and carries his mat. The command ('take up thy bed') ensures the miracle is visible—carrying the mat demonstrates complete recovery. No recovery period, no physical therapy—divine healing is total. The addition 'and on the same day was the sabbath' sets up the conflict to follow.

Historical Context

Sabbath healing became a major controversy between Jesus and religious leaders. Carrying burdens on Sabbath violated Pharisaic interpretation of Jeremiah 17:21. Jesus deliberately healed on Sabbath multiple times (John 9:14, Mark 3:1-6), challenging traditions that prioritized rules over mercy.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the immediate, complete nature of the healing demonstrate divine power?
2. Why does Jesus repeatedly heal on the Sabbath despite knowing it causes conflict?

Interlinear Text

καὶ εὐθέως ἐγένετο ὡραῖος ὁ ἀνθρωπος καὶ ἤρεν
And immediately was made whole the man And took up
G2532 G2112 G1096 G5199 G3588 G444 G2532 G142

τὸν κράββατον αὐτοῦ καὶ περιεπάτει ἦν δὲ σάββατον
G3588 bed G846 And walked was and the sabbath
G2895 G2532 G4043 G2258 G1161 G4521

ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ
on the same G3588 day
G1722 G1565 G2250

Additional Cross-References

John 9:14 (Creation): And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

Mark 5:29 (Parallel theme): And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

Mark 10:52 (Creation): And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

Mark 1:42 (Parallel theme): And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

Mark 1:31 (Parallel theme): And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

