

Luke 19:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.

Analysis

And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them (ἀπελθόντες...εὗρον καθὼς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, apelthontes...heuron kathōs eipen autois). Luke emphasizes the exact fulfillment with even as (καθὼς, kathōs)—not approximately, but precisely as prophesied. This demonstrates Jesus's supernatural knowledge and sovereign orchestration of events. The disciples' obedience to seemingly odd instructions parallels Abraham's faith when commanded to sacrifice Isaac.

This small detail serves Luke's larger narrative purpose: establishing Jesus as the prophet-like-Moses who speaks God's word with perfect accuracy (Deuteronomy 18:18-22). When God's word is tested, reality conforms to it. The disciples are learning what they would later proclaim—that Jesus is Lord of history, arranging circumstances down to the location of a borrowed colt.

Historical Context

Written for a Greek audience (Theophilus), Luke repeatedly emphasizes the reliability of his historical investigation (1:1-4). The precise fulfillment of Jesus's prediction would resonate with ancient readers familiar with tests of prophetic authenticity. False prophets abounded; true prophets were validated by the fulfillment of their words.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the exact fulfillment of Jesus's prediction strengthen your faith in His other promises?
2. What 'odd instructions' might God be giving you that require faith to obey before seeing the outcome?
3. How does this episode demonstrate that Jesus orchestrates even mundane details for His purposes?

Interlinear Text

ἀπελθόντες	δὲ	οἱ	ἀπεσταλμένοι	εὗρον	καθὼς	εἶπεν
went their way	And	G3588	they that were sent	and found	even as	he had said
G565	G1161		G649	G2147	G2531	G2036

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