

Luke 24:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

Analysis

They rose up the same hour (ἀναστάντες αὐτῇ τῇ ὥρᾳ, anastantes autē tē hōra)—The verb anistēmi (rose up), often used for resurrection itself, here describes their immediate response. Despite evening darkness, dangerous roads, and the seven-mile journey back to Jerusalem, resurrection joy compelled instant action. **The same hour** emphasizes urgency—this news couldn't wait until morning.

And found the eleven gathered together (εὑρον ἠθροισμένους τοὺς ἑνδεκα, heuron ēthroismenos tous hendeka)—The 'eleven' (Judas dead, Thomas absent per John 20:24) were gathered in fearful hiding (John 20:19), yet united. The perfect participle ēthroismenos (having been gathered) suggests they'd been together for hours, processing reports. The Emmaus disciples arrived to announce their encounter, only to hear **The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon** (v. 34)—their testimony confirmed before they spoke.

Historical Context

The seven-mile return journey to Jerusalem from Emmaus in darkness demonstrated remarkable courage given the disciples' earlier fear of Jewish authorities. Night travel risked robbery and wild animals. Their willingness to brave these dangers reveals how transformative the resurrection encounter was. The 'eleven' designation becomes standard post-resurrection terminology, distinguishing the apostolic core after Judas's betrayal.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What does the disciples' immediate return to Jerusalem despite danger teach about prioritizing gospel proclamation?
2. How does finding the eleven 'gathered together' model the church's unity in resurrection faith?
3. When has recognizing Christ compelled you to immediate action despite inconvenience or risk?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἀναστάντες	αὐτοῖς	τῇ	ὥρᾳ	ὑπέστρεψαν	εἰς
And	they rose up	the same	G3588	hour	and returned	to
G2532	G450	G846		G5610	G5290	G1519
Ἰερουσαλήμ	καὶ	εὗρον	συνηθροισμένους	τοὺς	ἑνδεκά	καὶ
Jerusalem	And	found	gathered together	G3588	the eleven	And
G2419	G2532	G2147	G4867		G1733	G2532
τοὺς	σὺν	αὐτοῖς				
G3588	them that were with	the same				
	G4862	G846				

Additional Cross-References

Mark 16:13 (Parallel theme): And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.