

Luke 4:37

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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The Greek exeporeueto ēchos peri autou (ἐξεπορεύετο ἡχος περὶ αὐτοῦ, went out a report concerning him) describes rapid dissemination of news about Jesus. The word ēchos (ἡχος, sound/report/fame) suggests spreading like sound waves—expanding outward in all directions. The phrase eis panta topou (εἰς πάντα τόπον, into every place) indicates comprehensive geographic spread throughout the region.

This fame resulted from the combination of authoritative teaching (v. 32) and demonstrative power (vv. 33-36). Word and deed worked together to validate Jesus' messianic claims. The exorcism proved what His teaching proclaimed—God's kingdom was breaking into the present, evil's power was being destroyed. News of such unprecedented authority naturally spread rapidly in a culture hungry for messianic deliverance.

Historical Context

News traveled quickly in first-century Galilee through trade routes, synagogue networks, and oral culture. Galilean towns were relatively close together, with active commerce and communication. Miracle workers and rabbis with distinctive teaching attracted attention, but Jesus was unprecedented—teaching with inherent authority and performing miracles with simple commands. This combination drew crowds and created both opportunity and opposition. The spreading fame fulfilled

Isaiah 9:1-2's prophecy that Galilee would see great light. Yet fame also brought challenges—crowds seeking miracles rather than repentance, and religious leaders' growing opposition.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How do Jesus' authoritative teaching and demonstrative power work together to validate His messianic identity?
2. What does the rapid spread of Jesus' fame reveal about human hunger for genuine spiritual authority and power?
3. Why might widespread fame be both beneficial and challenging for Jesus' ministry?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἐξεπορεύετο	ἥχος	περὶ	αὐτοῦ	εἰς	πάντα	τόπον
And	went out	the fame	of	him	into	every	place
G2532	G1607	G2279	G4012	G846	G1519	G3956	G5117
τῆς	περιχώρου						
G3588	of the country round about						
	G4066						

Additional Cross-References

Luke 4:14 (Parallel theme): And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

Isaiah 52:13 (Parallel theme): Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

Mark 1:28 (Parallel theme): And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

Mark 6:14 (Parallel theme): And king Herod heard of him; (for his name was spread abroad:) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.

Matthew 9:26 (Parallel theme): And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

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