

Luke 6:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

Analysis

He came down with them stood in plain and company his disciples great multitude people out all Judaea Jerusalem seacoast Tyre Sidon which came hear him healed diseases. Came down kataba mountain. Stood estē. In plain topou pedinou level place. Company ochlos company. Disciples mathētōn learners. Great multitude plēthos poly large crowd. Out of ek from. All Judaea Ioudaias. Jerusalem Ierousalēm. Seacoast paraliou coast. Tyre Tyrou. Sidon Sidōnos Phoenician cities Gentile territory. Came ēlthon traveled. Hear akousai listen teaching. Healed iasthenai cured. Diseases nosōn sicknesses. Jesus fame spreading beyond Israel. Gentiles coming. Foreshadows Gentile mission. Crowds mixed motives hearing teaching receiving healing. Reformed theology recognizes mixed motives in coming to Christ. Eventually many will fall away when teaching becomes hard.

Historical Context

Geography shows spread. Judaea south. Jerusalem center. Tyre Sidon north Gentile coast. Jesus attracting wide audience. Sermon Plain (Luke 6:17-49) parallels Sermon Mount (Matthew 5-7). Same occasion different angle or different occasions similar teaching. Crowds pressed to touch Jesus (v. 19). Desperation for healing. Jesus taught and healed addressing both spiritual physical needs. Not all stayed.

John 6 many left when teaching became difficult. Seeds different soils parable explains mixed responses. Early church experienced same crowds varying commitments. Modern church megachurch crowds versus committed disciples. Difference between consumers and disciples. Need move people from crowds to commitment.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What does crowds coming from wide geography including Gentile regions foreshadow about gospel mission?
2. How should church address mixed motives of those who come for benefits versus genuine discipleship?

Interlinear Text

καὶ καταβὰς μετ' αὐτῶν, ἔστη ἐπὶ τόπου πεδινοῦ
And he came down with him and stood in the plain
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καὶ ὥχλος μαθητῶν αὐτῶν, καὶ πλῆθος πολὺ τοῦ
And the company disciples him And multitude a great G3588
G2532 G3793 G3101 G846 G2532 G4128 G4183

λαοῦ ἀπὸ πάσης τῆς Ἰουδαίας καὶ Ἱερουσαλὴμ καὶ
of people of all G3588 Judaea And Jerusalem And
G2992 G575 G3956 G2449 G2532 G2419 G2532

τῆς παραλίου Τύρου καὶ Σιδῶνος οἵ ἥλθον
from the sea coast of Tyre And Sidon which came
G3588 G3882 G5184 G2532 G4605 G3739 G2064

ἀκοῦσαί αὐτῶν, καὶ ιαθῆναι ἀπὸ τῶν νόσων αὐτῶν,
to hear him And to be healed of diseases him
G191 G846 G2532 G2390 G575 G3588 G3554 G846

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 11:21 (Parallel theme): Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.