

Luke 7:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum. The Greek *etelesen* (ἐτέλεσεν, finished/completed) marks the conclusion of the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20-49), Jesus' ethical manifesto paralleling Matthew's Sermon on the Mount. Luke transitions from teaching to demonstration—Christ's authority proclaimed in words (chapter 6) is now validated through miraculous works (chapter 7).

Capernaum (Καφαρναούμ, Kapharnaoum, 'village of consolation') served as Jesus' ministry headquarters, His adopted hometown after Nazareth's rejection. This city witnessed more miracles than any other yet would face severe judgment for unbelief (Luke 10:15), proving that privilege intensifies accountability.

Historical Context

Capernaum was a prosperous fishing village on the Sea of Galilee's northern shore, home to a Roman garrison and customs station. Archaeological evidence confirms a first-century synagogue beneath the later limestone structure, likely the one the centurion built (Luke 7:5).

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus demonstrate that His teaching authority is validated by His power over sickness, death, and nature?
2. What does Capernaum's later judgment teach about the danger of spiritual privilege without genuine faith?
3. How should the transition from hearing Christ's words to seeing His works shape your faith?

Interlinear Text

Ἐπει	δὲ	ἐπλήρωσεν	πάντα	τὰ	ρήματα	αὐτοῦ	εἰς	τὰς
when	Now	he had ended	all	G3588	sayings	G846	in	G3588
G1893	G1161	G4137	G3956		G4487		G1519	
ἄκοὰς	τοῦ	λαοῦ	εἰσῆλθεν	εἰς	Καπερναοὺμ			
the audience	G3588	of the people	he entered	in	Capernaum			
G189		G2992	G1525	G1519	G2584			

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