

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 (έτελεσεν, 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

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

Ἐπειδὴ ἐπλήρωσεν πάντα τὰ ὡράματα αὐτοῦ εἰς τὰς
when Now he had ended all G3588 sayings G846 in G3588
G1893 G1161 G4137 G3956 G4487 G1519 G1519

ἀκοὰς τοῦ λαοῦ εἰσῆλθεν εἰς Καπερναούμ
the audience G3588 of the people he entered in Capernaum
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