

Luke 9:44

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men.

Analysis

Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men. The command thesthe hymeis eis ta ota hymōn tous logous toutous (Θέσθε ὑμεῖς εἰς τὰ ὕτα ὑμῶν τοὺς λόγους τούτους, "You yourselves put into your ears these words") uses emphatic personal pronouns—hymeis (you yourselves). The verb thesthe (put, place, or let sink) from tithēmi (τίθημι) means to deliberately store or treasure. Jesus demands active, intentional listening and remembering.

The prediction: **the Son of man shall be delivered** (ho huios tou anthrōpou mellei paradidosthai, ὁ νιὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου μέλλει παραδίδοσθαι)—mellei indicates certain future, and paradidosthai (to be handed over or betrayed) is the verb used of Judas' betrayal and Jesus being given to Pilate. The phrase **into the hands of men** (εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων) creates wordplay—the Son of Man delivered to men's hands. This is the second passion prediction (first in 9:22), emphasizing divine necessity. Despite crowd amazement at power, Jesus faces suffering—the cross precedes the crown.

Historical Context

The 'Son of Man' title comes from Daniel 7:13-14, describing one who receives an everlasting kingdom from the Ancient of Days. Jewish expectation assumed this figure would come in triumph, not suffering. Jesus redefined the title by combining it with Isaiah's Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53)—the Son of Man must suffer before

reigning. This corrected contemporary Messianic hopes. The disciples resisted this teaching (Peter rebuked Jesus, Matthew 16:22), but Jesus insisted suffering was necessary. The passive voice 'shall be delivered' indicates divine sovereignty—God orchestrated the cross for redemption. Judas' betrayal, the Sanhedrin's condemnation, and Pilate's sentence all fulfilled God's predetermined plan (Acts 2:23, 4:27-28).

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. Why does Jesus command the disciples to deliberately store His passion prediction in their ears, and what does this teach about intentional spiritual memory?
2. How does the wordplay 'Son of Man delivered into hands of men' emphasize both Jesus' humanity and His mission?
3. What does Jesus' insistence on teaching about suffering immediately after a powerful miracle correct in our expectations of Christian life?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Acts 2:23 (Parallel theme): Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

Luke 9:22 (Parallel theme): Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.