

Mark 1:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.

Analysis

John preached There cometh one mightier. Imperfect preached indicates continuous proclamation. Message consistently pointed to Coming One. Mightier acknowledges Jesus superior authority. John recognized preparatory ministry eclipsed by Messiah work. True ministers point to Christ never seeking glory. John embodied He must increase I decrease. Reformed theology emphasizes ministry exists to glorify Christ direct people to Him not exalt messenger.

Historical Context

John drew massive crowds. Many speculated whether John was Messiah (Luke 3:15). John deflected speculation insisting merely forerunner. There cometh uses present tense emphasizing imminence certainty. First-century messianic expectation was intense. When Jesus appeared John identified Him as Lamb of God some disciples transferred allegiance. John prepared way stepped aside.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does John focus on Christ challenge ministry ambition?
2. What does recognizing mightier one teach about humility in God plan?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	προβὰς	ἐκεῖθεν	ὀλίγον	εἶδεν	Ἰάκωβον	τὰ	τὰ
And	further	thence	a little	he saw	James	the son	the son
G2532	G4260	G1564	G3641	G1492	G2385	G3588	G3588
Ζεβεδαίου	καὶ	Ἰωάννην	τὰ	ἀδελφὸν	αὐτοῦς	καὶ	
of Zebedee	And	John	the son	brother	his	And	
G2199	G2532	G2491	G3588	G80	G846	G2532	
αὐτοῦς	ἐν	τὰ	πλοίῳ	καταρτίζοντας	τὰ	δίκτυα	
his	were in	the son	the ship	mending	the son	their nets	
G846	G1722	G3588	G4143	G2675	G3588	G1350	

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