

Mark 1:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

Analysis

The timing—'when the sun did set'—indicates the Sabbath had ended (which began Friday evening), allowing people to carry burdens and travel. This massive gathering demonstrates Christ's growing fame and the desperate hunger for deliverance from physical and spiritual bondage. The bringing of 'all that were diseased' shows comprehensive need and faith that Christ could heal any condition.

Historical Context

The Sabbath ended at sundown Saturday, after which work and travel restrictions were lifted according to Pharisaic interpretation. Capernaum, a town of perhaps 1,500 people, would have seen virtually the entire community gather. 'Possessed with devils' reflects the first-century Jewish understanding of demonic influence in mental and physical afflictions.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What does the crowd's patient waiting until sundown reveal about their understanding of Sabbath law versus their faith in Christ?
2. How does this scene of comprehensive human need point to our universal spiritual condition before God?

Interlinear Text

Ὅψίας δὲ γενομένης ὅτε ἔδυ ὁ ἥλιος ἔφερον
even **And** **at** **when** **did set** ^{G3588} **the sun** **they brought**
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πρὸς αὐτὸν πάντας τοὺς κακῶς ἔχοντας καὶ τοὺς
unto **him** **all** ^{G3588} **diseased** **that were** **and** ^{G3588}
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them that were possessed with devils
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Additional Cross-References

Matthew 8:16 (Evil): When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

Luke 4:40 (Parallel theme): Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

Mark 3:2 (Parallel theme): And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him.

Matthew 4:24 (Evil): And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

