

Mark 1:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Simon and they that were with him followed after him.

Analysis

Simon and the disciples 'followed after' Jesus (Greek: katediōxan, implying urgent pursuit) to His prayer retreat. While well-intentioned, their interruption reveals human tendency to prioritize ministry activity over communion with God. The contrast between Christ's seeking solitude and the disciples' seeking Him sets up Jesus' teaching about the proper balance of prayer and proclamation in ministry.

Historical Context

The disciples' eager pursuit reflects their excitement over the previous night's successful healings. In Jewish rabbinic tradition, students sought out teachers for instruction. The disciples naturally wanted to capitalize on Christ's popularity in Capernaum for continued ministry there.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How do we sometimes interrupt God's work in our lives by prioritizing activity over communion with Him?
2. What does the disciples' urgent search for Jesus teach us about their understanding of His mission at this early stage?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	κατεδίωξάν	αὐτοῦ	ὁ	Σίμων	καὶ	οἱ	μετ'
And	followed after	him	G3588	Simon	And	G3588	they that were with
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