

Mark 1:37

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee.

Analysis

The disciples' report—'All men seek for thee'—reveals their worldly perspective on success and Christ's mission. They measured ministry effectiveness by crowd size and popularity, missing the deeper purpose of proclaiming repentance. This statement tempted Christ toward a popularity-based ministry, yet He resisted, showing His commitment to the Father's will over human acclaim.

Historical Context

Capernaum's entire population seeking Christ represented remarkable but potentially dangerous popularity. Roman authorities monitored large gatherings for potential insurrection. The disciples, particularly zealous Simon Peter, likely saw political implications in such universal appeal.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How do we wrongly measure ministry success by numerical growth rather than faithfulness to God's calling?

2. What does Christ's resistance to popularity teach us about evaluating our own ministries and ambitions?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	εὗροντες	αὐτῷ	λέγουσιν	αὐτῷ	ὅτι	Πάντες
And	when they had found	him	they said	him	G3754	All
G2532	G2147	G846	G3004	G846		G3956
ζητοῦσιν	σε					
men seek	for thee					
G2212	G4571					

Additional Cross-References

John 12:19 (Parallel theme): The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

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