

Mark 1:38

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.

Analysis

Christ's response redirects the disciples from consolidating success to expanding proclamation: 'Let us go into the next towns.' His stated purpose—'that I may preach there also'—emphasizes the priority of the preaching ministry over healing ministry. The phrase 'for therefore came I forth' reveals His self-understanding of divine mission. Christ came to preach the kingdom, not merely demonstrate power.

Historical Context

Galilee contained numerous small towns within a day's journey of Capernaum—Chorazin, Bethsaida, Magdala, and others. 'Preach' (kēryssō) means to proclaim as a herald, the primary method of communicating official messages in the ancient world. Christ adopted this authoritative proclamation mode.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's prioritization of preaching over healing challenge modern emphasis on signs and wonders?

2. What does Jesus' focus on 'the next towns' teach us about avoiding comfort zones in ministry?

Interlinear Text

καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς Ἄγωμεν εἰς τὰς ἐχομένας κωμοπόλεις
And he said unto them Let us go into the next towns
G2532 G3004 G846 G71 G1519 G3588 G2192 G2969

ἵνα κάκεῖ κηρύξω· εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ ἐξελήλυθα
that there also I may preach into for came I forth
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Additional Cross-References

Luke 4:43 (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.

John 17:8 (Parallel theme): For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

John 16:28 (Parallel theme): I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

John 17:4 (Parallel theme): I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

Luke 2:49 (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?