

Mark 10:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he arose from thence, and cometh into the coasts of Judaea by the farther side of Jordan: and the people resort unto him again; and, as he was wont, he taught them again.

Analysis

Jesus 'arose from thence, and cometh into the coasts of Judaea by the farther side of Jordan' (ἀναστὰς ἐκεῖθεν ἔρχεται εἰς τὰ ὅρια τῆς Ἰουδαίας καὶ πέραν τοῦ Ἰορδάνου). This geographical note marks Jesus' journey toward Jerusalem and crucifixion. Mark 10:15 chronicles Jesus' final approach to His death. The phrase 'the multitudes resort unto him again; and, as he was wont, he taught them again' (συμπορεύονται πάλιν ὅχλοι πρὸς αὐτόν, καὶ ὡς εἰώθει πάλιν ἐδίδασκεν αὐτούς) emphasizes Jesus' consistent teaching ministry. The adverb 'again' (palin, πάλιν) appears twice, stressing continuity—Jesus faithfully taught despite approaching death. This models ministerial faithfulness regardless of circumstances. The crowds' gathering shows continued popular interest, though many would later cry 'Crucify him!' (Mark 15:13-14), revealing the fickle nature of public acclaim.

Historical Context

Judea was the southern region of Palestine, including Jerusalem. 'The farther side of Jordan' refers to Perea, the region east of the Jordan River, part of Herod Antipas' territory. Jesus' route avoided Samaria (Jews and Samaritans had mutual hostility) while traveling from Galilee toward Jerusalem. This journey occurred during Jesus' final months before crucifixion, likely fall of AD 29 or spring of AD 30. Luke 9:51 states Jesus 'steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,' showing deliberate purpose despite knowing what awaited. The crowds continued seeking

Jesus for teaching and healing, unaware that He journeyed toward divine appointment with death.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' faithful teaching 'as he was wont' (customary practice) despite approaching death model ministerial perseverance?
2. What does the geographical progression toward Jerusalem teach about Jesus' deliberate, purposeful acceptance of suffering?

Interlinear Text

Κακεῖθεν ἀναστὰς ἔρχεται εἰς τὰ ὄρια τῆς Ἰουδαίας
And he arose and cometh into the coasts of Judaea
G2547 G450 G2064 G1519 G3588 G3725 G3588 G2449

διὰ τοῦ πέραν τοῦ Ἰορδάνου καὶ συμπορεύονται
by the farther side of Jordan and resort
G1223 G4008 G3588 G2446 G2532 G4848

πάλιν ὅχλοι πρὸς αὐτούς καὶ ὡς εἰώθει πάλιν
again the people unto him and as he was wont again
G3825 G3793 G4314 G846 G2532 G5613 G1486 G3825

ἐδίδασκεν αὐτούς
he taught him
G1321 G846

Additional Cross-References

John 10:40 (Parallel theme): And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there he abode.

Mark 4:2 (Parallel theme): And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine,

Jeremiah 32:33 (Parallel theme): And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction.

Mark 6:34 (Parallel theme): And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

Matthew 4:23 (Parallel theme): And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

John 11:7 (Parallel theme): Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again.
