

Mark 2:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house.

Analysis

Again entered Capernaum after some days noised he was in house. Again suggests pattern returning to ministry base. Capernaum headquarters for Galilean ministry. After some days interval between ministry activities showing Jesus rhythm of work rest. Noised word spread quickly. He was in house likely Peter house (1:29) or rented dwelling. Jesus fame preceded Him crowds gathered immediately. House setting intimate yet crowded. Jesus taught indoors when possible avoiding chaos of outdoor crowds. This sets stage for friends lowering paralytic through roof. Reformed theology values both public proclamation and personal ministry gathered crowds and house meetings. Early church met in homes house churches were primary gathering places.

Historical Context

Capernaum Jesus ministry base offered strategic location fishing industry crossroads. Archaeological remains include Peter house remains with ancient church built over it suggesting early Christian veneration. Roman centurion built synagogue there showing Gentile presence support. Jesus performed many miracles in Capernaum yet later pronounced judgment for unbelief. First-century houses typically had flat roofs accessed by external stairs used for drying food sleeping praying. Friends digging through roof to reach Jesus demonstrates desperate faith architectural realities. House church model continued for centuries before purpose-built churches emerged.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus pattern of returning to ministry base teach about sustainable ministry rhythms?
2. How does house setting for ministry demonstrate value of intimate gatherings alongside public proclamation?

Interlinear Text

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| And | again | he entered | in | Capernaum | after | some days | And |
| G2532 | G3825 | G1525 | G1519 | G2584 | G1223 | G2250 | G2532 |

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| it was noised | that | in | the house | he was |
| G191 | G3754 | G1519 | G3624 | G2076 |