

Mark 2:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

Analysis

Jesus addresses the瘫痪人 directly with three imperatives: 'I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.' The emphatic 'I say unto thee' (σοὶ λέγω, soi legō) asserts Christ's personal authority—not 'God says' or 'in God's name,' but 'I say.' This first-person authority claim distinguishes Jesus from prophets who spoke for God; Jesus speaks as God. The command to 'arise' (ἔγειρε, egeire) uses terminology associated with resurrection (the same verb appears in Mark 5:41; 16:6), symbolically connecting physical healing with spiritual resurrection from sin's death. The command to 'take up thy bed' reverses his condition—the bed that carried him now becomes his burden to carry. Reformed theology sees this miracle as illustrative of effectual calling—Christ's powerful word creates what it commands.

Historical Context

The κράβαττος (krabattos, 'bed' or 'pallet') was a simple sleeping mat used by the poor, easily carried when rolled up. Jesus performed this miracle publicly in a crowded house, providing undeniable evidence before hostile witnesses. The command to return home demonstrated thorough healing—the man could navigate streets, stairs, and distance. The immediacy of healing contrasts with gradual ancient medical treatments. This miracle, like many in Mark, emphasizes Jesus' power over all human afflictions.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's authoritative word that creates new realities demonstrate His deity and power to transform your life?
2. In what areas of spiritual paralysis do you need to hear Christ's command to 'arise' and walk in newness of life?
3. What does this miracle teach about the relationship between Christ's word and His power to accomplish what He commands?

Interlinear Text

Σοὶ	λέγω	έγειραι	καὶ	ἀρον	τὸν	κράββατον	σου	καὶ	
unto thee	I say	Arise	and	take up		G3588	bed	thine	and
G4671	G3004	G1453	G2532	G142			G2895	G4675	G2532
ὑπαγε	εἰς	τὸν	οἶκόν	σου					
go thy way	into	G3588	house	thine					
G5217	G1519		G3624	G4675					

Additional Cross-References

Mark 1:41 (Parallel theme): And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.