

Mark 2:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

Analysis

The healed man's immediate obedience ('immediately he arose') demonstrates faith responding to Christ's word. The verb ἐξῆλθεν (exēlthen, 'went forth') emphasizes public departure—he walked out before the astonished crowd carrying his mat, providing irrefutable evidence of healing. The crowd's response reveals three elements: amazement (ἐξίστασθαι, existasthai, 'beside themselves'), glorifying God (δοξάζειν τὸν Θεόν, doxazein ton theon), and confessing the unprecedented nature of the miracle ('We never saw it on this fashion'). However, the crowd praises God generally without explicitly acknowledging Jesus as Messiah—they witness divine power but remain uncertain about Jesus' identity. This pattern recurs in Mark: crowds marvel at miracles yet struggle with Jesus' identity.

Historical Context

Public healings served apologetic purposes in ancient world—visible proof authenticated a teacher's authority. The phrase 'We never saw it on this fashion' (οὐτως οὐδέποτε εἶδομεν, houtōs oudepote eidomen) indicates this miracle's uniqueness—instantaneous, complete, public, and combined with forgiveness claims. Unlike Greek healing cults where recovery occurred slowly in temple incubation chambers, Jesus healed immediately and publicly. This incident occurred early in Jesus' Galilean ministry when popular enthusiasm ran high.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What prevents genuine amazement at God's work from maturing into saving faith and committed discipleship?
2. How do you respond when witnessing God's power—with mere amazement, or with worship and life transformation?
3. In what ways does your response to God's miraculous work demonstrate genuine faith versus superficial enthusiasm?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Matthew 9:33 (Parallel theme): And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

Matthew 9:8 (Glory): But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

Luke 7:16 (Glory): And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

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