

Mark 6:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

Analysis

He could do no mighty work there save healed few sick folk. Not could not in absolute sense but would not due to unbelief. Faith is prerequisite for miracle ministry. Jesus chooses not to perform signs for unbelievers demand proof. Miracles signs pointing to truth require faith response. Reformed theology affirms God sovereignty He performs miracles according to purposes not human demand.

Historical Context

Jesus could do miracle physically but did not because lacked faith environment. Miracles require faith not always healed person faith but someone faith. Lack of miracles often due to unbelief not lack of God power. Early church saw mighty works but also faced opposition unbelief limiting effectiveness some areas.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus limited mighty works in Nazareth teach about relationship between faith and miracles?

2. How does this verse challenge presumption that God must prove Himself to skeptics?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	οὐκ	ἡδύνατο	ἐκεῖ	οὐδεμίαν	δύναμιν	ποιῆσαι	εἰ	
And	he could		there	no	mighty work	do		G1487
G2532	G3756	G1410	G1563	G3762	G1411	G4160		
μὴ	όλιγοις	ἀρρώστοις	ἐπιθεὶς	τὰς	χεῖρας	ἐθεράπευσεν		
G3361	upon a few	sick folk	that he laid	G3588	his hands	and healed		
	G3641	G732	G2007		G5495		G2323	

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 13:58 (Parallel theme): And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Mark 9:23 (Parallel theme): Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Mark 5:23 (Parallel theme): And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.

Hebrews 4:2 (Parallel theme): For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

Genesis 19:22 (Parallel theme): Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.