

Mark 6:55

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was. News of Jesus' presence sparked immediate mobilization. They 'ran through that whole region' and 'began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was.' This urgent response demonstrated desperate faith and recognition that Jesus was authentic healer. Carrying bedridden sick on pallets required significant effort, proving their conviction that Jesus could help when all else failed.

Historical Context

Ancient beds/pallets (κράβαττοι, krabattoi) were simple mats or lightweight frames that could be carried. The rapid mobilization—running throughout region, organizing sick transportation—showed efficient community communication and cooperation. Gennesaret's population density enabled quick word spread. Archaeological evidence shows first-century Palestinian villages were interconnected, news traveling rapidly through social networks.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about Christ's nature and work?
2. How should this truth shape our daily discipleship?

Interlinear Text

περιδραμόντες ὅλην τὴν περίχωρον ἐκείνην ἤρξαντο
And ran through whole G3588 region round about that and began
G4063 G3650 G4066 G1565 G756

ἐπὶ τοῖς κραββάτοις τοὺς κακῶς ἔχοντας περιφέρειν
in beds G3588 G2895 sick G2560 those that were to carry about
G1909 G4064 G2192

ὅπου ἤκουον ὅτι ἐκεῖ ἐστιν.
where they heard he was G1563 G2076
G3699 G191 G3754

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 4:24 (Parallel theme): And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

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