

Mark 7:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.

Analysis

Then came together unto him the Pharisees... Religious leaders from Jerusalem investigate Jesus. This passage demonstrates Christ's divine authority and teaching, challenging religious traditions while establishing kingdom principles. Reformed theology sees here the fulfillment of Old Testament promises and the pattern for New Covenant faith.

Historical Context

First-century Jewish context and Roman occupation shaped these interactions. Archaeological and historical evidence confirms Gospel accounts' accuracy. Early church fathers interpreted these Christologically, seeing fulfillment in Christ and application to church practice.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does this verse challenge modern assumptions about religion, discipleship, or salvation?

2. What specific application should this truth have in your daily life and witness?

Interlinear Text

καί	συνάγονται	πρὸς	αὐτὸν	οἱ	Φαρισαῖοι	καί	τινες
Then	came together	unto	him	G3588	the Pharisees	Then	certain
G2532	G4863	G4314	G846		G5330	G2532	G5100
τῶν	γραμματέων	ἐλθόντες	ἀπὸ	Ἱεροσολύμων			
G3588	of the scribes	which came	from	Jerusalem			
	G1122	G2064	G575	G2414			

Additional Cross-References

Mark 3:22 (References Jerusalem): And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.

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