

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
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τῶν γραμματέων ἐλθόντες ἀπὸ Ἱεροσολύμων
G3588 of the scribes which came from Jerusalem
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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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