

Mark 9:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

Analysis

After the demon's violent exit, the boy 'was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead' (έγένετο ώσει νεκρός, ὥστε τοὺς πολλοὺς λέγειν ὅτι ἀπέθανεν). The crowd's conclusion seemed reasonable—the boy lay motionless after violent convulsions. But Jesus 'took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose' (κρατήσας τῆς χειρὸς αὐτοῦ ἤγειρεν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀνέστη). The verb 'arose' (anestē, ἀνέστη) is the standard resurrection term. Jesus demonstrated authority over death itself—the ultimate enemy. This miracle foreshadows Jesus' resurrection and believers' future resurrection. The boy's restoration was complete—not merely freed from demons but raised to new life. This illustrates gospel transformation: those dead in trespasses and sins are made alive in Christ (Ephesians 2:1-5).

Historical Context

The resurrection vocabulary (egeirō and anistēmi) used here appears throughout Mark's passion narrative and resurrection account (Mark 8:31; 9:9, 31; 10:34; 12:26; 14:28; 16:6). Mark deliberately uses this language to connect the boy's restoration to Jesus' resurrection. Ancient witnesses seeing someone rise from apparent death would recognize supernatural intervention. This miracle occurred shortly before Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem (Mark 10:1), serving as prophetic sign of His coming death and resurrection. The pattern—apparent death followed by Jesus' powerful restoration—demonstrated that death cannot hold those Jesus claims. This strengthened disciples' faith for the coming crisis when Jesus Himself would die and rise.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does this miracle's resurrection imagery prefigure the gospel pattern of dying to sin and rising to new life in Christ?
2. What does Jesus' power to raise the apparently dead boy teach about His authority over death and the certainty of future resurrection?

Interlinear Text

ο	δὲ	Ἰησοῦς	κρατήσας	αὐτόν,	τῆς	χειρὸς	ἥγειρεν
G3588	But	Jesus	took	him	G3588	by the hand	and lifted
G1161		G2424	G2902	G846		G5495	G1453
αὐτόν,	καὶ	ἀνέστη					
him	and	he arose					
G846		G2532	G450				

Additional Cross-References

Acts 3:7 (Parallel theme): And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Mark 1:31 (Parallel theme): And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.