

# Matthew 14:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;

## Analysis

**And when the men of that place had knowledge of him** (καὶ ἐπιγινόντες αὐτὸν οἱ ἄνδρες τοῦ τόπου ἐκείνου)—The verb ἐπιγινώσκω (epiginōskō, 'to recognize, to know fully') indicates they didn't merely see a stranger but recognized Jesus specifically. His fame had spread throughout Galilee (4:24), making Him recognizable. The phrase οἱ ἄνδρες (hoi andres, 'the men') may indicate the male heads of households who organized the response, though women and children certainly came as well (v. 38 implies their presence).

**They sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased** (ἀπέστειλαν εἰς ὅλην τὴν περίχωρον ἐκείνην καὶ προσήνεγκαν αὐτῷ πάντας τοὺς κακῶς ἔχοντας)—The verb ἀποστέλλω (apostellō, 'to send with a commission') shows organized effort. They sent messengers throughout the περίχωρος (perichōros, 'surrounding region') and brought (προσφέρω, prosperō) all the κακῶς ἔχοντας ('badly having,' idiom for 'sick' or 'ill'). Their faith contrasts with Nazareth's unbelief (13:58)—they acted on Jesus's reputation, gathering the sick for healing.

## Historical Context

News traveled rapidly in first-century Galilee through word of mouth and traveling merchants. The densely populated region around the Sea of Galilee contained numerous villages within walking distance. Gennesaret's central location and the

Via Maris (major trade route) passing through the region facilitated rapid communication. The response shows the desperation of those with chronic illnesses in an age without modern medicine.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the spreading of news about Jesus model evangelistic responsibility —telling others what we've witnessed?
2. What does their immediate action teach about responding to spiritual opportunity while Christ is accessible?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	ἐπιγνόντες	αὐτῷ	οἱ	ἄνδρες	τοῦ	τόπου	ἐκείνην
<b>And</b>	<b>had knowledge</b>	<b>of him</b>	G3588	<b>when the men</b>	G3588	<b>place</b>	<b>of that</b>
G2532	G1921	G846		G435		G5117	G1565
ἀπέστειλαν	εἰς	ὅλην	τὴν	περίχωρον	ἐκείνην	καὶ	
<b>they sent out</b>	<b>into</b>	<b>all</b>	G3588	<b>country round about</b>	<b>of that</b>	<b>And</b>	
G649	G1519	G3650		G4066	G1565	G2532	
προσήνεγκαν	αὐτῷ	πάντας	τοὺς	κακῶς	ἔχοντας		
<b>brought</b>	<b>of him</b>	<b>all</b>	G3588	<b>diseased</b>	<b>that were</b>		
G4374	G846	G3956		G2560	G2192		