

Matthew 17:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

Analysis

This verse reveals profound theological truth central to Reformed understanding of Scripture. The passage demonstrates God's sovereignty and grace working through human circumstances. Christ's teaching here challenges contemporary religious assumptions while pointing to deeper spiritual realities.

Historical Context

First-century Palestine was marked by religious fervor and political tension. The passage reflects interactions between Jesus and various groups: Pharisees, Sadducees, disciples, and crowds. Each audience received teaching tailored to their needs and spiritual condition.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does this passage challenge your understanding of God's character?
2. What practical application does this truth have in your daily walk?
3. How should this verse shape your priorities and decisions?

Interlinear Text

καὶ προσελθὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἥψατο αὐτῶν καὶ εἶπεν
And **came** ^{G3588} **Jesus** **touched** **them** **And** **said**
G2532 G4334 G2424 G680 G846 G2532 G2036

Ἐγέρθητε καὶ μὴ φοβεῖσθε
Arise **And** **not** **afraid**
G1453 G2532 G3361 G5399

Additional Cross-References

Daniel 10:18 (Parallel theme): Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,

Matthew 14:27 (References Jesus): But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

Daniel 10:10 (Parallel theme): And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.

Daniel 8:18 (Parallel theme): Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright.