

Matthew 8:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

Analysis

The statement 'he cast out the spirits with his word' emphasizes Jesus' verbal authority over demons—no rituals, formulas, or struggles, simply His commanding word. The phrase 'healed all that were sick' shows the comprehensive nature of His compassion—no disease was too difficult, no crowd too large. This demonstrates the kingdom's power breaking Satan's dominion over humanity.

Historical Context

Evening healings occurred after Sabbath ended (sundown), when people could carry the sick. The mass healings fulfilled Isaiah 53:4, showing the Servant's ministry includes bearing our physical infirmities as well as sins. Jesus' miracles authenticated His messianic claims.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' authority over demons encourage you in spiritual warfare?
2. What does Jesus' comprehensive healing ministry reveal about God's heart?

Interlinear Text

Ὁψίας δὲ γενομένης προσήνεγκαν αὐτῷ
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δαιμονιζομένους πολλοὺς· καὶ ἐξέβαλεν τὰ
that were possessed with devils many and he cast out G3588
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πνεύματα λόγῳ καὶ πάντας τοὺς κακῶς ἔχοντας
the spirits with his word and all G3588 sick that were
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 15:26 (Word): And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

Matthew 14:14 (Parallel theme): And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

Luke 4:40 (Parallel theme): Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

Acts 5:15 (Parallel theme): Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

Mark 5:8 (Spirit): For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

Matthew 12:22 (Evil): Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

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