

Matthew 9:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.

Analysis

Jesus' response to Jairus is simple obedience: 'Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples' (εγερθεις ο Ιησους ηκολουθει αυτω και οι μαθηται αυτου). No hesitation, no conditions, no delay—just immediate response to desperate need. 'Arose' (εγερθεις) suggests Jesus was seated, perhaps teaching or eating. He interrupts His current activity to address urgent human suffering. This models Jesus' accessibility and compassion. Despite growing fame and increasing demands, Jesus responds personally to individual crisis. The disciples 'followed him,' learning compassion through observation. This scene demonstrates incarnational ministry: Jesus doesn't send proxy or offer distant comfort but personally goes to the place of death and grief. His willingness to enter homes, touch the unclean, and face death directly reveals God's intimate involvement in human suffering.

Historical Context

Jewish rabbis typically maintained formal distance from followers and petitioners. Students came to rabbis; rabbis didn't typically make house calls, especially to unclean situations. Jesus' pattern of going to people—entering homes, touching lepers, visiting tax collectors—was countercultural. His willingness to enter a house with a corpse (rendering Him ceremonially unclean) showed that compassion trumped ceremonial purity. Early Christian ministry continued this incarnational pattern: going to people rather than waiting for them to come to proper religious spaces.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' immediate response to Jairus model compassionate ministry to desperate people?
2. What does Jesus' willingness to interrupt His agenda teach about kingdom priorities?
3. How can we develop Jesus' accessibility and responsiveness to human need?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ἐγερθεὶς ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἤκολούθησεν αὐτῷ καὶ οἱ
And arose G3588 Jesus and followed so did his And G3588
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μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ
disciples so did his

Additional Cross-References

Acts 10:38 (References Jesus): How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

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