

Greek Readings
Series B, Proper 21
Mark 9:38-50

Verse 38

- Parse ἔφη. _____ What type of discourse does this verb introduce? (Voelz, 161-165) _____
- Parse ἐκωλύομεν. _____ How can you best express the verbal aspect of this word in translation (Continuous, Habitual, Inceptive, Conative, Repetitive, or Emphatic in Voelz, 60)? _____

Verse 39

- Parse κωλύετε _____.
- What is the function of this verb especially considering the μή? (Voelz, 201) _____
- Parse ποιήσει _____ Why is this tense used here? (Voelz, 181-183) _____

Verse 40

- What are the possible meanings of ὑπὲρ + the genitive (see BDAG, 1030-1031)? _____ What does it mean in this context? _____

Verse 41

- Explain the construction ὅς ἂν (Voelz, 181-183). _____
- Parse ἀπολέση. _____ What does its mood indicate when used with the preceding words of negation, οὐ μή? (Voelz, 177) _____.
- Describe the theological significance of the word ἀμήν as used here (see BDAG, 53-54). _____

Verse 42

- Parse πιστευόντων. _____ What is its position and function? (Voelz, 118-121). _____
- Parse σκανδαλίση. _____ Explain its theological significance (see BDAG, 926). _____
- Parse βέβληται. _____ What is the theological significance of θάλασσαν? _____
What does the voice of βέβληται indicate? _____

Verse 43

- Parse ἀπόκοπον. _____ Compare this verse with Matthew 5:29 and 18:8 and check BDAG, 113. With the knowledge you gained by examining σκανδαλίζη, why is the terminology ἀπόκοπον αὐτῇν used here? What is at stake? _____
- Parse γέενναν _____ What are possible meanings of γέενναν? (see BDAG, 190-191) _____

Verse 45

- Parse βληθῆναι. _____ What is the significance of this particular voice? _____
- What is the significance of ζῶν here (BDAG, 430-431)? _____
How is this word different than a similar word like βίου in Luke 8:14? _____

Verse 46

- According to the text critical apparatus what occurred to verses 44 and 46? _____
- Why does the current numeration not account for this particular change? How would you explain this to a parishioner? _____

Verse 47

- Identify the type of sentence that begins this verse (Voelz, 248-251). _____
- Describe the theological significance of the phrase τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ θεοῦ. _____

- What is the gender, number, and case of καλὸν? _____
What is the function of ἧ? _____ How is καλὸν best translated in light of ἧ? _____

Verse 48

- What is the theological significance of the word σκώληξ? (BDAG, 933 and Isaiah 66:24) _____
- Why is αὐτῶν plural? _____

Verse 49

- Parse ἀλισθήσεται. _____ What significance is there to its voice? _____

Verse 50

- What type of sentence begins with ἐὰν (Voelz, 248-251) ? _____
 - Explain why the sentence construction of καλὸν τὸ ἄλλας has no verb (Voelz, 77). _____
 - What are some of the Old and New Testament references to ἄλλας? _____

- Describe the theology that is communicated by this word (see BDAG, 41). _____

Integration of Meaning

Write either a collect or a petition which could be used in the Prayer of Church that reflects the unique theology found in this pericope.