

Acts 20:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said,
Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

Analysis

Paul's action - 'fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him' - echoes Elijah (1 Kings 17:21) and Elisha (2 Kings 4:34). The embrace transferred life. 'His life is in him' announced restoration.

Historical Context

The prophetic parallel demonstrates apostolic power continuing Old Testament precedent. Paul's assurance immediately followed the life-giving embrace.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How do Elijah and Elisha parallels validate Paul's apostolic authority?
2. What does this miracle teach about God's power over death?

Interlinear Text

καταβὰς δὲ ὁ Παῦλος ἐπέπεσεν αὐτῷ καὶ
went down And G3588 Paul and fell on him and
G2597 G1161 G3972 G1968 G846 G2532

συμπεριλαβὼν εἶπεν Μὴ θορυβεῖσθε ἡ γὰρ ψυχὴ^ν
embracing him said not Trouble G3588 for life
G4843 G2036 G3361 G2350 G1063 G5590

αὐτῷ ἐν αὐτῷ ἐστιν
him in him is
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Additional Cross-References

Mark 5:39 (Parallel theme): And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.

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