

John 1:39

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

Analysis

The disciples came, saw, and 'abode with him that day.' The verb 'meno' (abide, remain) becomes a key theological term in John—believers abide in Christ, His words abide in them. These first disciples experienced what every believer is called to: dwelling with Christ. The specific time notation—'about the tenth hour' (4 PM)—suggests eyewitness memory, likely from John who never forgot this transformative encounter.

Historical Context

The precise time reference is a mark of authentic memoir. These hours spent with Jesus changed everything for these disciples. Jewish days began at sunset, but John likely uses Roman reckoning (from midnight), making this late afternoon. The extended time indicates substantive conversation, not mere greeting.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What was your 'tenth hour'—the moment you first truly encountered Christ?
2. How do we cultivate abiding with Christ in our daily lives?

Interlinear Text

λέγει	αὐτῷ	ἦλθον	καὶ	εἶδον	ἦλθον	καὶ	εἶδον	ποῦ
He saith	him	Come	and	saw	Come	and	saw	G4225
G3004	G846	G2064	G2532	G1492	G2064	G2532	G1492	
ἔμειναν	καὶ	παρ'	αὐτῷ	ἔμειναν	τὴν	ἡμέραν	ἐκείνην·	
abode	and	with	him	abode	G3588	day	that	
G3306	G2532	G3844	G846	G3306		G2250	G1565	
ὥρα	δέ	ἦν	ὥς	δεκάτη				
hour	for	it was	about	the tenth				
G5610	G1161	G2258	G5613	G1182				

Additional Cross-References

Luke 24:29 (Parallel theme): But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

John 4:40 (Parallel theme): So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.

John 1:46 (Parallel theme): And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

John 6:37 (Parallel theme): All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Revelation 3:20 (Parallel theme): Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Proverbs 8:17 (Parallel theme): I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

