

John 11:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him.

Analysis

Mary rises 'quickly' upon hearing Jesus calls for her, demonstrating eager response to Christ's summons. The Greek verb suggests immediate, urgent action. Her swift obedience contrasts with her earlier sitting (v. 20), showing how Christ's call mobilizes the grieving soul. This models the Christian life: remaining in position until Christ calls, then immediate response. Her action demonstrates that true contemplation leads to quick obedience, not passivity.

Historical Context

Jewish mourning customs required the bereaved to remain seated while visitors came to them. Mary's immediate departure from this posture shows Jesus' authority transcending social customs.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does Mary's quick response to Jesus' call model Christian obedience?
2. What does her movement from sitting to swift action teach about Christ's power over grief?
3. In what areas is Christ calling you to move from passivity to action?

Interlinear Text

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| she | As soon as | heard | that she arose | quickly | and | came |
| G1565 | G5613 | G191 | G1453 | G5035 | G2532 | G2064 |

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| unto | him |
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 27:8 (Parallel theme): When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

Proverbs 15:23 (Parallel theme): A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!