

John 19:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

Analysis

Jesus tells John, 'Behold thy mother!' John immediately accepts this commission: 'from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.' This exemplifies Christian responsibility—John didn't hesitate or delay but immediately cared for Mary. The phrase 'his own home' shows personal, intimate care, not distant provision. This creates a new family dynamic: spiritual relationships supersede biological ones in the kingdom. John's obedience models Christian duty to care for those entrusted to us.

Historical Context

Tradition holds that John cared for Mary in Ephesus until her death. The early church saw this as establishing principles for caring for widows and the vulnerable. John's Gospel uniquely records this detail, suggesting personal significance—he fulfilled this duty faithfully.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What vulnerable people has God placed in your sphere of responsibility?
2. How can the church better demonstrate this kind of practical, immediate care for others?

Interlinear Text

εἶτα λέγει τῷ μαθητῇ Ἰδοὺ, ἡ μήτηρ σου καὶ ἀπ'
Then **saith he** G3588 **that disciple** **Behold** G3588 **mother** **thy** **! And** **from**
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ἐκείνης τῆς ὥρας ἔλαβεν αὐτὴν ὁ μαθητῇ εἰς τὰ
that G3588 **hour** **took** **her** G3588 **that disciple** **unto** G3588
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Additional Cross-References

John 16:32 (Parallel theme): Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

John 1:11 (Parallel theme): He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

Genesis 45:8 (Parallel theme): So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.