

John 2:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.

Analysis

After the wedding, Jesus goes to Capernaum with His mother, brothers, and disciples. This brief note shows Jesus' humanity—He had family relationships and followed normal travel patterns. Capernaum becomes His ministry base in Galilee. The mention of brothers who would later disbelieve (John 7:5) reminds us that even Christ's immediate family initially struggled with His identity. Family connection doesn't guarantee spiritual understanding.

Historical Context

Capernaum, on Galilee's northwestern shore, was a fishing town and trade center. Peter's house there became Jesus' base (Mark 2:1). The town would later be condemned for its unbelief despite witnessing many miracles (Matthew 11:23).

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' relationship with His unbelieving brothers encourage us regarding unbelieving family members?
2. What does Jesus' choice of Capernaum as His base teach about strategic ministry placement?

Interlinear Text

Μετὰ τοῦτο κατέβη εἰς Καπερναούμ, αὐτοῦ καὶ ἡ
After this he went down to Capernaum he and G3588
G3326 G5124 G2597 G1519 G2584 G846 G2532 G3588

μήτηρ αὐτοῦ καὶ οἱ ἀδελφοὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ οἱ μαθηταὶ¹
mother he and G3588 brethren he and G3588 disciples
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αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐκεῖ ἔμειναν οὐ πολλὰς ἡμέρας
he and there they continued not many days
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Additional Cross-References

Matthew 12:46 (Parallel theme): While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him.

Mark 6:3 (Parallel theme): Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

1 Corinthians 9:5 (Parallel theme): Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?

Matthew 4:13 (Parallel theme): And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

Galatians 1:19 (Parallel theme): But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.

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