

John 2:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

Analysis

Mary's instruction to the servants—"Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it"—expresses complete trust despite Jesus' initial response. This is her last recorded statement in the Gospels, and it perfectly summarizes the proper response to Christ: unconditional obedience. She doesn't know what He will do but trusts He will act appropriately. This becomes a paradigm for discipleship: hear and obey, regardless of understanding.

Historical Context

Mary had treasured prophetic words about Jesus for thirty years (Luke 2:19, 51). Her confidence in Him despite no previous public miracles reflects deep faith. Her words echo Joseph's servants' instructions in Egypt (Genesis 41:55), establishing a new exodus pattern where Jesus provides what is needed.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does Mary's instruction capture the essence of Christian discipleship?
2. What areas of your life need the simple obedience Mary commends?

Interlinear Text

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he saith G3588 mother G3384 His G846 unto the servants G1249 G3739 G5100 G302

λέγη ὑμῖν ποιήσατε
he saith unto you do
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Additional Cross-References

John 15:14 (Parallel theme): Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Genesis 6:22 (Parallel theme): Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Hebrews 11:8 (Parallel theme): By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Hebrews 5:9 (Parallel theme): And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Acts 9:6 (Parallel theme): And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

Judges 13:14 (Parallel theme): She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: all that I commanded her let her observe.

