

John 4:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

Analysis

The disciples' invitation 'Master, eat' shows their concern for Jesus' physical needs, unaware that spiritual food (bringing this woman and village to faith) nourishes Him more deeply. This sets up Jesus' teaching about doing the Father's will as true sustenance.

Historical Context

Their return with food from the city creates the scene for Jesus' teaching about spiritual priorities. The timing—just after the woman's departure and before the Samaritans arrive—allows Jesus to instruct His disciples about mission.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does accomplishing God's will provide satisfaction beyond physical needs?
2. What does the disciples' focus on physical food reveal about their spiritual perception at this point?

Interlinear Text

Ἐν	δὲ	τῷ	μεταξὺ	ἡρώτων	αὐτὸν	οἱ	μαθηταὶ	λέγοντες
In	G1161	G3588	the mean	prayed	him	G3588	disciples	saying
G1722			G3342	G2065	G846		G3101	G3004

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Master	eat
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