

John 6:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea,

Analysis

The disciples' evening descent to the sea sets up Jesus' walking on water miracle. The temporal marker 'when even was now come' indicates the day's end and gathering darkness, creating the setting for divine revelation in the midst of fear. God often reveals Himself powerfully when circumstances are darkest.

Historical Context

Evening on the Sea of Galilee often brought sudden, violent storms due to cool air descending from surrounding mountains. The disciples' decision to cross the sea despite approaching darkness suggests either confidence or urgency.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. Why does God often reveal His power most dramatically in our darkest circumstances?
2. What does the disciples' evening journey teach about obedience even when conditions seem unfavorable?

Interlinear Text

Ὡς	δὲ	ὁψία	ἐγένετο	κατέβησαν	οἱ	μαθηταὶ	αὐτοῦ
when	And	even	was now come	went down	G3588	disciples	his
G5613	G1161	G3798	G1096	G2597		G3101	G846
ἐπὶ	τὴν	θάλασσαν					
unto	G3588	the sea					
G1909		G2281					

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