

John 6:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid.

Analysis

After rowing 'about five and twenty or thirty furlongs' (3-4 miles), they saw Jesus walking on the sea and approaching. Their fear is natural—a figure walking on stormy waters defies nature. This miracle demonstrates Christ's sovereignty over creation and His care for struggling disciples. He comes to us in our storms.

Historical Context

Walking on water violates natural law, manifesting divine power (cf. Job 9:8). This miracle echoes God's power over chaotic waters in creation and exodus, identifying Jesus with Yahweh's sovereign control over nature.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What does Christ's walking on water reveal about His identity and power?
2. How does Jesus' approach to His struggling disciples in the storm encourage us in our difficulties?

Interlinear Text

ἐληλακότες	οὖν	ὥς	σταδίους	εἴκοσι	πέντε	ἢ
when they had rowed	So	about	furlongs	and twenty	five	or
G1643	G3767	G5613	G4712	G1501	G4002	G2228
τριάκοντα	θεωροῦσιν	τὸν	Ἰησοῦν	περιπατοῦντα	ἐπὶ	τῆς
thirty	they see	G3588	Jesus	walking	on	G3588
G5144	G2334		G2424	G4043	G1909	
θαλάσσης	καὶ	ἐγγὺς	τοῦ	πλοίου	γινόμενον	καὶ
the sea	and	nigh	G3588	unto the ship	drawing	and
G2281	G2532	G1451		G4143	G1096	G2532
ἐφοβήθησαν						
they were afraid						
G5399						

Additional Cross-References

John 14:18 (Parallel theme): I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Psalms 93:4 (Parallel theme): The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

Job 9:8 (Parallel theme): Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.

Jonah 1:13 (Parallel theme): Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.

Psalms 29:10 (Kingdom): The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.

Ezekiel 27:26 (Parallel theme): Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters:
the east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas.

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