

# John 6:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid.

## Analysis

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Jesus' words 'It is I; be not afraid' (Greek: egō eimi) use the divine name (Exodus 3:14) while offering comfort. His self-identification transforms fear to peace. The command 'be not afraid' appears throughout Scripture when God reveals Himself—His presence is meant to comfort, not terrify, His people.

## Historical Context

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The 'egō eimi' (I AM) declaration links Jesus to Yahweh's self-revelation to Moses. What appeared as a terrifying apparition reveals itself as the Lord's gracious presence with His disciples.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does recognizing Jesus' presence transform our fear into peace?
2. What is the significance of Jesus' use of 'I AM' in this context of revelation and comfort?

## Interlinear Text

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ὁ	δὲ	λέγει	αὐτοῖς	Ἐγώ	εἰμι	μὴ	φοβεῖσθε
G3588	<b>But</b>	<b>he saith</b>	<b>unto them</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>It is</b>	<b>not</b>	<b>afraid</b>
	G1161	G3004	G846	G1473	G1510	G3361	G5399

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 44:8** (Parallel theme): Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.

**Isaiah 41:10** (Parallel theme): Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

**Isaiah 41:14** (Parallel theme): Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

**Mark 6:50** (Parallel theme): For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.