

John 6:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

(Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:)

Analysis

Other boats from Tiberias arrived near the feeding location, providing transportation for the crowd to pursue Jesus. John's detail that they came 'from Tiberias' and that this was 'nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks' emphasizes Jesus' role in the miracle through His thanksgiving. True provision flows from Christ's mediation.

Historical Context

Tiberias was a city on the western shore built by Herod Antipas. The boats' arrival enabled the crowd to follow Jesus across the lake. John's mention of Jesus' thanksgiving recalls the importance of recognizing God as the source of provision.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' thanksgiving before the miracle teach us about recognizing God's provision?
2. What does the crowd's persistent pursuit of Jesus reveal about human motivation—seeking bread versus seeking the Bread of Life?

Interlinear Text

ἄλλα	δὲ	ἦλθεν	πλοιάρια	ἐκ	Τιβεριάδος	ἐγγὺς	τοῦ
other	G1161	there came	boats	from	Tiberias	nigh	G3588
G243		G2064	G4142	G1537	G5085	G1451	
τόπου	ὅπου	ἔφαγον	τὸν	ἄρτον	εὐχαριστήσαντος	τοῦ	
unto the place	where	they did eat	G3588	bread	had given thanks	G3588	
G5117	G3699	G5315		G740	G2168		
κυρίου							
after that the Lord							
G2962							

Additional Cross-References

John 6:1 (Parallel theme): After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias.