

# John 6:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.

## Analysis

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The crowd's pursuit of Jesus to Capernaum demonstrates persistent seeking, albeit with mixed motives. They came seeking bread, not truth; provision, not the Provider. Their physical journey mirrors the spiritual journey many make—following Jesus for benefits rather than worship. Yet Christ graciously uses their lesser motivations to teach greater truths.

## Historical Context

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Capernaum served as Jesus' ministry headquarters (Matthew 4:13). The crowd's journey across the lake and search for Him there shows significant effort, though their motives will prove inadequate (v. 26).

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How do we sometimes seek Christ for what He gives rather than who He is?

2. What does Jesus' patient engagement with those who have mixed motives teach about evangelism?

## Interlinear Text

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ὅτε	οὖν	εἶδεν	ὁ	ὄχλος	ὅτι	Ἰησοῦν	οὐκ	ἔστιν
<b>When</b>	<b>therefore</b>	<b>saw</b>	G3588	<b>the people</b>	<b>that</b>	<b>Jesus</b>	<b>not</b>	<b>was</b>
G3753	G3767	G1492		G3793	G3754	G2424	G3756	G2076
ἐκεῖ	οὐδὲ	οἱ	μαθηταὶ	αὐτοὶ	ἐνέβησαν	καὶ	αὐτοὶ	εἰς
<b>there</b>	<b>neither</b>	G3588	<b>disciples</b>	<b>his</b>	G1684	<b>also</b>	<b>his</b>	<b>to</b>
G1563	G3761		G3101	G846		G2532	G846	G1519
τὰ	πλοῖα,	καὶ	ἦλθον	εἰς	Καπερναοὺμ	ζητοῦντες	τὸν	
G3588	<b>shipping</b>	<b>also</b>	<b>came</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>Capernaum</b>	<b>seeking for</b>	G3588	
	G4143	G2532	G2064	G1519	G2584	G2212		
Ἰησοῦν								
<b>Jesus</b>								
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## Additional Cross-References

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**John 6:17** (References Jesus): And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them.