

# 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

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

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

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

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

## Study Questions

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	ό	ὄχλος	ὅτι	Ἰησοῦν	οὐκ	ἔστιν
When	therefore	saw	G3588	the people	that	Jesus	not	was
G3753	G3767	G1492		G3793	G3754	G2424	G3756	G2076
ἐκεῖ	οὐδὲ	οἱ	μαθηταὶ	αὐτοὶ	ἐνέβησαν	καὶ	αὐτοὶ	εἰς
there	neither	G3588	disciples	his	G1684	also	his	to
G1563	G3761		G3101	G846		G2532	G846	G1519
τὰ	πλοῖα,	καὶ	ἥλθον	εἰς	Καπερναούμ	ζητοῦντες	τὸν	
G3588	shipping	also	came	to	Capernaum	seeking for	G3588	
	G4143	G2532	G2064	G1519	G2584		G2212	
Ἰησοῦν								
Jesus								
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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.