

John 6:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

Analysis

Jesus' ascent to the mountain with His disciples created space for teaching away from crowds. Mountains in Scripture often serve as places of divine revelation and communion (Sinai, the Sermon on the Mount, Transfiguration). His intentional positioning there before the miracle demonstrates sovereignty—He knows what He will do and prepares His disciples to witness it.

Historical Context

The mountainous terrain around the Sea of Galilee provided natural amphitheaters for teaching and privacy from crowds. Jesus frequently withdrew to such places for prayer and instruction (Matthew 14:23, Luke 6:12).

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. Why does Jesus often withdraw to mountains for significant teaching and miracles?

2. How does Jesus' preparation before miracles differ from spontaneous reactions to needs?

Interlinear Text

ἀνῆλθεν δὲ εἰς τὸ ὄρος ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἐκεῖ
went up And into a mountain Jesus and there
G424 G1161 G1519 G3588 G3735 G2424 G2532 G1563

ἐκάθητο μετὰ τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ
he sat with disciples G846
G2521 G3326 G3588 G3101

Additional Cross-References

John 6:15 (References Jesus): When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

Luke 9:28 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

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