

John 6:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

Analysis

The notation 'the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh' provides chronological context and theological significance. This miracle's proximity to Passover connects it to Israel's exodus deliverance and manna provision. Jesus will use this setting to present Himself as the true bread from heaven, superior to Moses' manna. God's redemptive acts occur within divinely appointed times.

Historical Context

This is the third Passover mentioned in John's Gospel (2:13, 6:4, 11:55), helping establish Jesus' three-year ministry. The Passover context explains the large crowds traveling to Jerusalem and Jesus' subsequent bread of life discourse.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does the Passover context enrich our understanding of Jesus as the bread of life?
2. What connections exist between Israel's exodus deliverance and Christ's provision for His people?

Interlinear Text

ἦν	δὲ	ἐγγὺς	τὸ	πάσχα	ἡ	ἔορτὴ	τῶν	Ἰουδαίων
was	And	nigh	G3588	the passover	G3588	a feast	G3588	of the Jews
G2258	G1161	G1451		G3957		G1859		G2453

Additional Cross-References

John 2:13 (Parallel theme): And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,

John 11:55 (Parallel theme): And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves.

John 5:1 (Parallel theme): After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Deuteronomy 16:1 (Parallel theme): Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.

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