

# Luke 8:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.

## Analysis

Jesus initiates a test: 'Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake' (Greek 'Dielthōmen eis to peran tēs limnēs'). The directive 'let us go over' (dielthōmen—let us pass through) indicates Jesus's intentional plan. He initiates the journey knowing storm approaches. This isn't reckless leadership but purposeful training. The Sea of Galilee was prone to sudden violent storms. Reformed theology observes that God sometimes leads into trials to strengthen faith. James 1:2-4 urges 'count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.' The disciples' coming fear and Jesus's peaceful sleep would provide crucial lessons.

## Historical Context

The Sea of Galilee (called 'lake' here—limnē) sits 700 feet below sea level, surrounded by hills. Cool air from Mediterranean descends suddenly through gaps, creating violent storms on warmer lake water. Experienced fishermen among disciples (Peter, Andrew, James, John) knew these dangers. Jesus's command to cross necessitated trust. Ancient boats were wooden fishing vessels, approximately 25-30 feet long, powered by oars and small sails. For early church facing persecution, this account taught that following Jesus doesn't guarantee smooth sailing but does guarantee His presence and ultimate safety.

## Related Passages

---

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

---

1. How does Jesus's intentional leading into the storm challenge expectations of smooth Christian living?
2. What does it mean that Jesus initiates journeys He knows will include trials?
3. How should awareness that God permits trials for faith-strengthening affect our response to difficulties?

## Interlinear Text

---

Καὶ Ἐγένετο ἐν μιᾷ τῶν ἡμερῶν Καὶ αὐτούς ἐνέβη

**And** **it came to pass** **on** **day** **And** **his** **he went**

G2532 G1096 G1722 G2250 G2532 G846 G1684

εἰς πλοῖον Καὶ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτούς Καὶ εἶπεν πρὸς

**into** **a ship** **And** **disciples** **his** **And** **he said** **unto**

G1519 G4143 G2532 G3101 G846 G2532 G2036 G4314

αὐτούς Διέλθωμεν εἰς τὸ πέραν τῆς λίμνης Καὶ

**his** **Let us go over** **into** **the other side** **G3588** **of the lake** **And**

G846 G1330 G1519 G4008 G3041 G2532

ἀνήχθησαν

**they launched forth**

G321

## Additional Cross-References

---

**Mark 8:13** (Parallel theme): And he left them, and entering into the ship again departed to the other side.

**Mark 6:45** (Parallel theme): And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.

**Luke 5:1** (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

**Luke 8:23** (Parallel theme): But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy.

**Mark 5:21** (Parallel theme): And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea.

**Matthew 14:22** (Parallel theme): And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

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