

Mark 14:42

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

Analysis

Rise up, let us go (ἐγείρεσθε ἄγωμεν, egeiresthe agōmen)—Jesus takes initiative, moving toward His betrayer rather than fleeing. The verb ἐγείρω (egeirō, "rise up") will soon take different meaning when applied to resurrection (16:6). **Lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand** (ὁ παραδιδούς με ἤγγικεν, ho paradidous me ēngiken)—the present participle "betraying" indicates ongoing action; Judas's approach marks the culmination of his betrayal begun earlier.

This verse captures Jesus' sovereign courage: He's finished praying, resolved to the Father's will, and now actively moves toward suffering. The disciples' sleeping ends not with their initiative but His. Christ doesn't wait for arrest but walks toward it, demonstrating John 10:18: "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself." Even in arrest, Jesus remains the active agent, sovereign over His own suffering.

Historical Context

Roman and Jewish arrest procedures typically involved surprise apprehension. Jesus subverts this by knowing the betrayer's approach and walking toward him. This deliberate surrender fulfilled Isaiah 53:7—"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter." First-century readers would recognize the courage required to face arrest, which often meant torture and execution.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus' active movement toward His betrayer rather than passive resignation teach about Christian courage?
2. How does Jesus' initiative ("Rise up, let us go") contrast with the disciples' passivity, and what does this teach about spiritual leadership?
3. In what situation is Jesus currently calling you to "rise up" and actively move toward a difficult obedience rather than passively waiting?

Interlinear Text

ἐγείρεσθε	ἄγωμεν·	ἰδοὺ,	ὁ	παραδιδούς	με	ἥγγικεν
Rise up	let us go	lo	G3588	he that betrayeth	me	is at hand
G1453	G71	G2400		G3860	G3165	G1448

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 26:46 (Resurrection): Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.