

Mark 4:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

Analysis

The disciples took Jesus 'even as he was in the ship'—no preparation or provisions, just immediate departure. The phrase 'even as he was' (ὥς ἦν) suggests Jesus remained in the teaching boat, exhausted from ministry. 'There were also with him other little ships'—multiple boats crossed together. This detail, characteristic of Mark's vivid eyewitness account, sets stage for miracle witnessed by many. Jesus' exhaustion is significant: the incarnate Son experienced genuine human limitations, fatigue requiring rest. His humanity makes His deity's revelation more striking—tired man who commands storms demonstrates two natures united.

Historical Context

Small fishing boats on Sea of Galilee typically held 10-15 people. Multiple boats suggest large group accompanying Jesus. Evening crossings allowed fishermen to avoid daytime heat while positioning for night fishing. The detail of 'other ships' provides multiple witnesses to coming storm and miracle. Ancient boats used sails when wind permitted, oars when necessary. The Sea of Galilee's unpredictable weather made crossings potentially dangerous, though experienced fishermen usually navigated safely. This crossing would test even veterans.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' genuine exhaustion demonstrate His full humanity and make His deity more remarkable?
2. What does immediate obedience 'even as he was' teach about responding to Jesus' commands without delay?
3. How do you respond when Jesus calls you to action despite exhaustion or lack of preparation?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἀφέντες	τὸν	ὄχλον	παραλαμβάνουσιν				
And	when they had sent away	G3588	the multitude	they took				
G2532	G863		G3793	G3880				
αὐτοῦ	ὥς	ἦν	ἐν	τῷ	πλοίῳ	καὶ	ἄλλα	δὲ
him	even as	he was	in	G3588	the ship	And	other	And
G846	G5613	G2258	G1722		G4143	G2532	G243	G1161
πλοῖάρια	ἦν	μετ'	αὐτοῦ					
little ships	he was	with	him					
G4142	G2258	G3326	G846					

Additional Cross-References

Mark 4:1 (Parallel theme): And he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land.

Mark 3:9 (Parallel theme): And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.

Mark 5:2 (Parallel theme): And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

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