

# 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' (ὡς 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

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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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

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καὶ ἀφέντες τὸν ὄχλον παραλαμβάνουσιν  
And when they had sent away the multitude they took  
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αὐτοῦ ὡς ἦν ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ καὶ ἄλλα δὲ  
him even as he was in the ship And other And  
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πλοιάρια ἦν μετ' αὐτοῦ  
little ships he was with him  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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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