

# Mark 6:50

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.** 'They all saw him'—establishing corporate witness, not individual vision. 'Were troubled' (ἐταράχθησαν, etarachthēsan, agitated/terrified). Jesus 'immediately' (εὐθὺς, euthys) spoke: 'Be of good cheer' (θαρσεῖτε, tharseite, take courage). 'It is I' (ἐγώ εἰμι, egō eimi) echoes divine name (Exodus 3:14), asserting deity. 'Be not afraid' replaces terror with peace through revelation of His identity.

## Historical Context

The phrase *egō eimi* ('I am') carried theological weight, recalling God's self-revelation to Moses. Ancient readers familiar with Hebrew Bible would recognize the echo. Jesus' immediate response to their fear demonstrated compassion alongside power. Early church saw this as paradigm: when Christ reveals Himself, fear transforms to faith. The walking on water authenticated His deity—only God controls creation.

## Related Passages

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

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. What does this verse teach about Christ's nature and work?
2. How should this truth shape our daily discipleship?

## Interlinear Text

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πάντες γὰρ αὐτοῖς εἶδον καὶ ἐταράχθησαν καὶ εὐθὲως  
they all For him saw And were troubled And immediately  
G3956 G1063 G846 G1492 G2532 G5015 G2532 G2112

ἐλάλησεν μετ' αὐτοῖς καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς Θαρσεῖτε ἐγώ  
he talked with him And saith him Be of good cheer I  
G2980 G3326 G846 G2532 G3004 G846 G2293 G1473

εἰμι· μὴ φοβεῖσθε  
it is not afraid  
G1510 G3361 G5399

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 14:27** (Good): But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

**Isaiah 43:2** (Parallel theme): When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.