

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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

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

Interlinear Text

πάντες	γὰρ	αὐτοῖς	εἶδον	καὶ	ἐταράχθησαν	καὶ	εὐθὲς
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

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.