

Mark 6:51

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered. Jesus entered the boat, 'the wind ceased'—demonstrating authority over nature. 'They were sore amazed' (ἐξίσταντο, existanto, utterly astonished) 'beyond measure' (ἐν ἑαυτοῖς περισσῶς, en heautois perissōs, exceedingly). Despite witnessing miracles continuously, they remained capable of fresh astonishment at Christ's power. This reveals both their dullness (should they still be amazed?) and appropriate wonder (God's works merit perpetual amazement).

Historical Context

The immediate wind cessation paralleled the stilling of storm (Mark 4:39), demonstrating consistent authority over nature. Ancient Jewish thought held only God could control wind and waves (Psalm 107:29). Their amazement despite prior miracles showed they still didn't fully grasp Jesus' identity. Early church fathers noted the disciples' slow learning process, finding encouragement that even intimate followers needed time to comprehend Christ's full deity.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

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

καὶ	ἀνέβη	πρὸς	αὐτοὺς	εἰς	τὸ	πλοῖον	καὶ	ἐκόπασεν
And	he went up	unto	them	into	G3588	the ship	And	ceased
G2532	G305	G4314	G846	G1519		G4143	G2532	G2869
ὁ	ἄνεμος	καὶ	λίαν	ἐκ	περισσοῦ	ἐν	ἑαυτοῖς	
G3588	the wind	And	they were sore	beyond	measure	in	themselves	
	G417	G2532	G3029	G1537	G4053	G1722	G1438	
ἐξίσταντο·	καὶ	ἐθαύμαζον						
amazed	And	wondered						
G1839	G2532	G2296						

Additional Cross-References

Mark 4:39 (Parallel theme): And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

Mark 1:27 (Parallel theme): And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

Mark 2:12 (Parallel theme): And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

Mark 7:37 (Parallel theme): And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

Mark 4:41 (Parallel theme): And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

Mark 5:42 (Parallel theme): And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

Mark 6:32 (Parallel theme): And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

John 6:21 (Parallel theme): Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.