

Mark 6:53

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore. They 'came into the land of Gennesaret'—northwestern shore of Galilee, fertile plain. Successfully crossing after exhausting night confirmed both deliverance from storm and arrival at destination. The geographical specificity grounds narrative in historical reality. Their arrival initiated new phase of ministry—healing crowds would gather (vv. 54-56), demonstrating Christ's compassionate response to human suffering.

Historical Context

Gennesaret was plain about 3 miles long, 1 mile wide on Galilee's northwest shore, known for exceptional fertility. Josephus described its abundant crops and pleasant climate. Archaeological evidence confirms first-century occupation with multiple villages. The region's population density meant Jesus' arrival would quickly attract crowds. Early church used geographical details as evidence of eyewitness testimony—mythical stories lacked such specific locations.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

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 διαπεράσαντες ἥλθον ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν Γενησαρέτ
And when they had passed over they came into the land of Gennesaret
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καὶ προσωριμίσθησαν
And drew to the shore
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Additional Cross-References

Luke 5:1 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

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