Mark 6:54

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him,

Analysis

And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him, 'When they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him'—Jesus' fame made Him immediately recognizable. Despite attempted withdrawals for rest (v. 31-32), He couldn't escape crowds' notice. Their quick recognition demonstrated both His widespread reputation and people's eagerness to encounter Him. This sets stage for mass healing ministry (vv. 55-56), showing Christ's compassion despite personal exhaustion.

Historical Context

Jesus' recognizability indicated His fame spread throughout region. In close-knit village society, word of mouth traveled quickly. Distinctive teachers often gained recognition by appearance, teaching style, or accompanying disciples. The 'straightway' $(\epsilon \dot{\nu}\theta \dot{\nu}\varsigma,$ euthys) recognition suggests either people were watching for Him or His presence was immediately reported through social networks.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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	ἐξελθόντων	αὐτὸν	έĸ	τοῦ	πλοίου	εύθὲως
And	when they were come	him	out of	G3588	the ship	straightway
G2532	G1831	G846	G1537		G4143	G2112

ἐπιγνόντες αὐτὸν **they knew him**61921 6846

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 9:10 (Parallel theme): And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

Philippians 3:10 (Parallel theme): That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

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