

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' (*εὐθὺς*, euthys) recognition suggests either people were watching for Him or His presence was immediately reported through social networks.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

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	ἐκ	τοῦ	πλοίου	εὐθὲως
And	when they were come	him	out of	G3588	the ship	straightway
G2532	G1831	G846	G1537		G4143	G2112
ἐπιγνόντες αὐτὸν						
they knew		him				
G1921		G846				

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;