

Matthew 14:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

Analysis

And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased (καὶ ἀναβάντων αὐτῶν εἰς τὸ πλοῖον ἐκόπασεν ὁ ἄνεμος)—The verb ἀναβαίνω (anabainō, 'to go up, to embark') marks the moment Jesus and Peter enter the boat together. Immediately the verb κοπάζω (kopazō, 'to grow weary, to cease') in aorist tense indicates instant cessation of the storm. Earlier Jesus slept through a storm (8:23-27), but here He walks through one. Both demonstrate His authority over nature—He commands as Lord whether present in the boat or approaching it.

The immediate calming contrasts with the disciples' earlier amazement (8:27) when He calmed the storm by command. This time the storm ceases at His presence, showing progressive revelation of His deity. The wind that had battered them (v. 24) and terrified them (v. 26) obeys its Creator. Where Christ enters, chaos submits to order.

Historical Context

This occurred during Jesus's Galilean ministry, shortly after feeding the 5,000 (14:13-21) and dismissing the crowds (14:22-23). The Sea of Galilee is notorious for sudden violent storms due to cool air from surrounding mountains colliding with warm air over the water. Roman and Jewish sources attest to the dangerous nature of Galilean lake storms, making the disciples' fear understandable and Jesus's mastery more remarkable.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What storms in your life immediately cease when Christ enters your situation?
2. How does Jesus's presence bring peace even before He explicitly commands your circumstances to change?

Interlinear Text

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And were come when they into the ship ceased G3588
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Additional Cross-References

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 6:51 (Parallel theme): And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.

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