

Matthew 26:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee (μετὰ δὲ τὸ ἐγερθῆναι με προάξω ὑμᾶς εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν, meta de to egerthēnai me proaxō hymas eis tēn Galilaian)—Immediately after predicting their failure, Jesus promises restoration. **I will go before you** (προάξω, proaxō)—as a shepherd leads his sheep (John 10:4), Christ will resume His pastoral role despite their desertion.

Galilee, where Jesus first called them (Matthew 4:18-22), becomes the place of recommissioning (Matthew 28:16-20). This promise anchors hope: their failure is not final. The Resurrection will reverse the scattering, reconstituting the flock under the risen Shepherd. Grace triumphs over human weakness.

Historical Context

Galilee held deep significance as the region where Jesus's public ministry began and where most disciples originated. His promise to meet them there after resurrection evoked their initial calling, signaling renewal and fresh commissioning. The geographic return symbolized spiritual restoration to their original purpose.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus's immediate promise of restoration after predicting failure demonstrate the nature of grace?
2. What does the Galilee meeting teach about God's patient restoration of those who fail Him?

Interlinear Text

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after **But** G3588 **am risen again** **I** **I will go before** **you** **into** G3588
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Γαλιλαίαν

Galilee
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Additional Cross-References

Matthew 28:10 (Parallel theme): Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

Mark 16:7 (Parallel theme): But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

Matthew 28:16 (Parallel theme): Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

Matthew 20:19 (Resurrection): And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.

Mark 14:28 (Resurrection): But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee.

1 Corinthians 15:6 (Parallel theme): After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

Matthew 16:21 (Resurrection): From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

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