

John 1:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

Analysis

The delegation demands John define himself, seeking to categorize him within their theological framework. This question ('What sayest thou of thyself?') invites self-testimony, but John will respond by pointing to his mission rather than his person. True Reformed ministry focuses on office and calling, not personal glory.

Historical Context

Religious authorities in Jerusalem held responsibility for investigating prophetic claims and potential false teachers. Their demand for an answer reflects administrative accountability in Second Temple Judaism.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. When asked about our identity, do we point to our roles in God's plan or to our personal achievements?
2. How does our self-understanding align with or differ from how God defines our calling?

Interlinear Text

εἶπον	οὖν	αὐτῷ	τί	εἶ	ἵνα	ἀπόκρισιν	δῶμεν
said they	Then	unto him	What	art thou	that	an answer	we may give
G2036	G3767	G846	G5101	G1488	G2443	G612	G1325
τοῖς	πέμψασιν	ἡμᾶς·	τί	λέγεις	περὶ	σεαυτοῦ	
G3588	to them that sent	us	What	sayest thou	of	thyself	
	G3992	G2248	G5101	G3004	G4012	G4572	

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