

John 1:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

Analysis

Andrew's testimony is simple yet complete: 'We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.' Both Hebrew (Messias) and Greek (Christos) terms meaning 'Anointed One' are given for John's diverse audience. This confession identifies Jesus as the long-awaited King, Priest, and Prophet anointed by God to deliver His people. Andrew's 'we have found' suggests searching that ended in discovery—the religious quest finds its answer in Jesus.

Historical Context

Messianic expectation was intense in first-century Palestine. Various pretenders claimed the title; political liberation from Rome was widely anticipated. Andrew's identification of Jesus as Messiah risked disappointment if Jesus didn't meet these expectations. Yet his confession was true in ways deeper than he yet understood.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does the confession 'We have found the Messiah' express the end of spiritual searching?
2. What expectations do people bring to Jesus that may need to be reshaped by who He truly is?

Interlinear Text

Εύρήκαμεν οὗτος πρῶτος τὸν ἀδελφὸν τὸν ἕδιον
We have found He first brother τὸν his own
G2147 G3778 G4413 G80 G3588 G2398

Σίμωνα καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ Εύρηκαμεν τὸν Μεσσίαν ὁ
Simon and saith unto him We have found the Messias which
G4613 G2532 G3004 G846 G2147 G3588 G3323 G3739

ἐστιν μεθερμηνεύμενον ὁ Χριστός·
is being interpreted the Christ
G2076 G3177 G3588 G5547

Additional Cross-References

John 4:25 (References Christ): The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

John 1:45 (Parallel theme): Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

Psalms 89:20 (Parallel theme): I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: