

John 10:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

Analysis

Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father (ἀπεκρίθη αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Πολλὰ ἔργα καλὰ ἔδειξα ὑμῖν ἐκ τοῦ πατρός, apekrithe autois ho Iesous· Polla erga kala edeixa hymin ek tou patros)—Jesus emphasizes πολλά (polla, 'many') and καλά (kala, 'good, beautiful, noble') works sourced ἐκ τοῦ πατρός (ek tou patros, 'from the Father'). His miracles authenticated His divine mission (John 5:36; 10:25). **For which of those works do ye stone me?** (διὰ ποῖον αὐτῶν ἔργον ἐμὲ λιθάζετε, dia poion auton ergon eme lithazete)—rhetorical question exposing their illogic: His works prove deity rather than merit death.

Jesus forces them to admit the real issue isn't His actions but His identity. No amount of good works satisfies those who reject His person. This applies to all religious people who appreciate Jesus's teachings or miracles but refuse His Lordship—ultimately, the issue is always 'who do you say that I am?'

Historical Context

Jesus had healed the blind man (John 9), freed the demonized, fed thousands, and performed countless miracles throughout Judea and Galilee. The religious leaders couldn't deny these 'good works' (they later acknowledge Jesus did 'many miracles,' John 11:47), but works proving deity threaten their authority and theology.

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Study Questions

1. How does Jesus's appeal to His works demonstrate that God provides sufficient evidence for faith to those willing to believe?
2. Why do people often admire Jesus's ethical teachings while rejecting His divine claims—what makes His person more offensive than His principles?
3. What does it mean that religious opposition to Christ focuses on His identity rather than His actions?

Interlinear Text

ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῶν ὁ Ἰησοῦς Πολλὰ καλὰ ἔργον
answered of those G3588 Jesus Many good works
G611 G846 G2424 G4183 G2570 G2041

ἔδειξα ὑμῖν ἐκ τοῦ πατρός μου· διὰ ποῖον αὐτῶν
have I shewed you from G3588 Father my for which of those
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ἔργον λιθάζετε μὲ
works do ye stone me
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