

John 10:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true (καὶ πολλοὶ ἦλθον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ ἔλεγον ὅτι Ἰωάννης μὲν σημεῖον ἐποίησεν οὐδέν, πάντα δὲ ὅσα εἶπεν Ἰωάννης περὶ τούτου ἀληθὴ ἦν, kai polloi ēlthon pros auton kai elegon hoti Iōannēs men sēmeion epoiēsen ouden, panta de hosa eipen Iōannēs peri toutou alēthē ēn)—The crowds draw a powerful comparison: **John did no miracle** (Ἰωάννης...σημεῖον ἐποίησεν οὐδέν, Iōannēs...sēmeion epoiēsen ouden), yet **all things that John spake of this man were true** (πάντα...ἀληθὴ ἦν, panta...alēthē ēn). They validate John's prophecy by Jesus's fulfillment—His miracles (σημεῖα, sēmeia, 'signs') authenticate John's witness.

This demonstrates the power of faithful witness: John performed no miracles, yet his testimony bore fruit because it pointed away from himself to Christ. The greatest ministry isn't displaying one's own power but faithfully directing others to Jesus. John's legacy wasn't supernatural demonstrations but truthful proclamation that proved reliable.

Historical Context

John the Baptist's execution by Herod Antipas (Matthew 14:1-12) had occurred perhaps a year earlier. His memory remained powerful, and people in this region had heard him personally. Jesus's miracles now validated everything John had

prophesied, proving John was a true prophet who prepared the way for the Messiah.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does John's example—no miracles but faithful witness—encourage believers whose ministries seem ordinary?
2. What does it mean that the greatest validation of witness is whether it accurately points people to Christ?
3. How can Christians ensure their testimony remains focused on Christ rather than drawing attention to themselves?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	πολλοὶ	ἦλθον	πρὸς	αὐτὸν	καὶ	ἔλεγον	ὅτι	Ἰωάννης
And	many	resorted	unto	him	And	said	G3754	John
G2532	G4183	G2064	G4314	G846	G2532	G3004		G2491
μὲν	σημεῖον	ἐποίησεν	οὐδέν	πάντα	δὲ	ὅσα	εἶπεν	
no	miracle	did	G3762	all things	but	that	spake	
G3303	G4592	G4160		G3956	G1161	G3745	G2036	
Ἰωάννης	περὶ	τούτου	ἀληθῆ	ἦν				
John	of	this man	true	were				
G2491	G4012	G5127	G227	G2258				