

# 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 ἀληθῆ ἦν, καὶ πολλοὶ ἐλθόντες ἀπέλθοντες καὶ εἰποντες ὅτι Ἰωάννης μὲν σῆμα εποίει οὐδέν, πάντα δὲ ἀληθῆ ἦν)—The crowds draw a powerful comparison: **John did no miracle** (Ἰωάννης...σημεῖον ἐποίησεν οὐδέν, Ἰωάννης...σῆμα εποίει οὐδέν), yet **all things that John spake of this man were true** (πάντα...ἀληθῆ ἦν, πάντα...ἀληθῆ ἦν). They validate John's prophecy by Jesus's fulfillment—His miracles (σημεῖα, σῆμα, '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

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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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

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