

John 11:46

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.

Analysis

Some witnesses report the miracle to the Pharisees, either from duty or malice. Their action demonstrates that evidence doesn't automatically produce faith—same event, opposite responses. These reporters likely sought to oppose Jesus rather than honestly inquire. Their report triggers the Sanhedrin's final decision to kill Jesus (v. 47-53), making this miracle the proximate cause of the crucifixion. Ironically, the greatest sign of life precipitates the plot to kill the Life-Giver. This demonstrates God's sovereignty: even opposition serves redemptive purposes.

Historical Context

The Pharisees held significant religious authority and required reports of potential blasphemy or false prophecy. Some witnesses may have felt obligated to report this extraordinary claim.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How can identical evidence produce opposite responses in different hearts?
2. What does the connection between this miracle and Jesus' crucifixion teach about God's sovereignty?
3. In what ways does opposition to Christ ironically serve His redemptive purposes?

Interlinear Text

τινὲς	δὲ	ἐξ	αὐτοῖς	ἀπῆλθον	πρὸς	τοὺς	Φαρισαίους
some	But	of	them	went their ways	to	G3588	the Pharisees
G5100	G1161	G1537	G846	G565	G4314		G5330
καὶ	εἶπον	αὐτοῖς	ἃ	ἐποίησεν	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	
and	told	them	what things	had done	G3588	Jesus	
G2532	G2036	G846	G3739	G4160		G2424	

Additional Cross-References

John 9:13 (Resurrection): They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.