

John 11:56

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will not come to the feast?

Analysis

The crowds seek Jesus and question His Passover attendance. Their seeking is curiosity, not faith—they want spectacle, not salvation. The question 'What think ye? Will he come?' reveals speculation about whether danger will prevent Jesus' appearance. They underestimate His sovereignty and courage. Their doubt contrasts Jesus' certain knowledge of His appointed time. This demonstrates the difference between crowds' curiosity and disciples' commitment. Their question will be answered: Jesus comes not despite danger but because of divine appointment.

Historical Context

Passover attendance was mandatory for Jewish males within a certain radius of Jerusalem. The crowds' question shows they knew about the Sanhedrin's plot and wondered if Jesus would risk attendance.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What's the difference between curiosity about Jesus and commitment to Him?
2. How does crowd speculation contrast with Jesus' sovereign knowledge of His time?
3. In what ways do we question whether Jesus will 'show up' in dangerous situations?

Interlinear Text

ἐζήτουν	οὖν	τὸν	Ἰησοῦν	καὶ	ἔλεγον	μετ'	ἀλλήλων		
sought they for	Then	G3588	Jesus	and	spake	among	themselves		
G2212	G3767		G2424	G2532	G3004	G3326	G240		
ἐν	τῷ	ἱερῷ	ἑστηκότες	Τί	δοκεῖ	ὑμῖν	ὅτι	οὐ	μὴ
in	G3588	the temple	as they stood	What	think	ye	that	G3756	G3361
G1722		G2411	G2476	G5101	G1380	G5213	G3754		
ἔλθῃ	εἰς	τὴν	ἐορτήν						
come	to	G3588	the feast						
G2064	G1519		G1859						

Additional Cross-References

John 7:11 (Parallel theme): Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he?
