

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 Jesus and spake among themselves
G2212 G3588 G2424 G2532 G3004 G3326 G240

ἐν τῷ ιερῷ ἐστηκότες Τί δοκεῖ ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐ μὴ
in the temple as they stood What think ye that G3756 G3361
G1722 G2411 G2476 G5101 G1380 G5213 G3754

ἔλθῃ εἰς τὴν ἑορτήν
come to the feast
G2064 G1519 G3588 G1859

Additional Cross-References

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