

# John 12:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

## Analysis

---

News of Jesus' presence draws crowds coming not only for Him but to see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead. Lazarus becomes a walking testimony, his resurrection creating ongoing evangelistic impact. The crowd's dual interest—Jesus and His greatest sign—demonstrates how God's works authenticate His word. However, curiosity doesn't equal conversion. The crowds' desire to 'see' suggests spectacle-seeking, not necessarily faith-seeking. This prepares for the Triumphal Entry's crowds who later cry 'Crucify Him,' showing fickle popular enthusiasm.

## Historical Context

---

News traveled rapidly in first-century Judea, especially during festival seasons when pilgrims gathered. Lazarus' resurrection occurred weeks earlier, giving news time to spread widely.

## Related Passages

---

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

### Study Questions

---

1. How does Lazarus' ongoing testimony demonstrate that transformed lives authenticate the Gospel?
2. What's the difference between curiosity about Jesus and commitment to Him?
3. In what ways can initial enthusiasm fail to produce lasting faith?

### Interlinear Text

---

Ἔγνω	οὖν	ὄχλος	πολὺς	ἐκ	τῶν	Ἰουδαίων	ὅτι	ἐκεῖ
knew	therefore	people	Much	from	G3588	the Jews	that	there
G1097	G3767	G3793	G4183	G1537		G2453	G3754	G1563
ἐστίν	καὶ	ἦλθον	οὐ	διὰ	τὸν	Ἰησοῦν	μόνον	ἀλλ' ἵνα
he was	also	they came	not	for	G3588	Jesus	sake only	but that
G2076	G2532	G2064	G3756	G1223		G2424	G3440	G235 G2443
καὶ	τὸν	Λάζαρον	ἴδωσιν	ὃν	ἤγειρεν	ἐκ	νεκρῶν	
also	G3588	Lazarus	they might see	whom	he had raised	from	the dead	
G2532		G2976	G1492	G3739	G1453	G1537	G3498	

### Additional Cross-References

---

**Acts 4:14** (Parallel theme): And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

---