

# John 3:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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A sobering observation: 'And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.' Jesus testifies from firsthand heavenly knowledge—He's seen and heard divine realities. Yet 'no man receiveth his testimony.' This hyperbole expresses the tragic reality of widespread rejection. Few receive; many reject. The one qualified to speak is ignored by those most needing His message.

## Historical Context

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This describes Israel's general response to Jesus despite individual exceptions like Nicodemus. The eyewitness nature of Jesus' testimony should command acceptance, yet resistance prevails. This pattern continued in early church experience and throughout Christian history—truth rejected not for lack of evidence but due to moral resistance.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. Why does eyewitness testimony from heaven fail to convince many?

2. How does this verse prepare us for rejection in our own witness?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	οὐ	έώρακεν	καὶ	ἤκουσεν	τοῦτο	μαρτυρεῖ	καὶ	τὴν
<b>And</b>	<b>what</b>	<b>he hath seen</b>	<b>And</b>	<b>heard</b>	<b>that</b>	<b>he testifieth</b>	<b>And</b>	G3588
G2532	G3739	G3708	G2532	G191	G5124	G3140	G2532	
μαρτυρίαν	αὐτοῦ	οὐδεὶς	λαμβάνει					
<b>testimony</b>	<b>his</b>	<b>no man</b>	<b>receiveth</b>					
G3141	G846	G3762	G2983					

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 3:11** (Witness): Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

**John 1:11** (Parallel theme): He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

**John 15:15** (Parallel theme): Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

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