

# John 3:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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'For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.' Jesus speaks God's words because He possesses the Spirit without measure. Other prophets received partial, temporary Spirit empowerment; Jesus is permanently, fully anointed. His teaching carries complete divine authority because the Spirit's fullness is His. This unlimited anointing grounds unlimited authority.

## Historical Context

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Old Testament prophets experienced Spirit empowerment for specific tasks; Jesus possessed the Spirit's fullness constantly. Isaiah 11:2 prophesied the Spirit resting on the Messianic Branch. At Jesus' baptism, the Spirit descended and 'remained' on Him (John 1:32-33). This permanence and fullness distinguishes His ministry.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus' unlimited Spirit anointing distinguish His authority from other teachers?
2. What does the Spirit's fullness in Christ mean for believers who receive the Spirit through Him?

## Interlinear Text

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ὃν γὰρ ἀπέστειλεν ὁ Θεὸς, τὰ ῥήματα τοῦ Θεοῦ,  
**he whom** **For** **hath sent** G3739 G1063 G649 G3588 **God** G2316 G3588 **the words** G4487 G3588 **God** G2316

λαλεῖ οὐ γὰρ ἐκ μέτρου δίδωσιν ὁ Θεός, τὸ  
**speaketh** **not** **For** **by** **measure** **giveth** G2980 G3756 G1063 G1537 G3358 G1325 G3588 **God** G2316 G3588

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**the Spirit**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 10:38** (Spirit): How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

**John 15:26** (Spirit): But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

**Matthew 12:18** (Spirit): Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.

**Colossians 2:9** (References God): For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

**John 5:26** (Parallel theme): For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

**Luke 4:18** (Spirit): The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

**Colossians 1:19** (Parallel theme): For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

**Romans 8:2** (Spirit): For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

**John 7:16** (Parallel theme): Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

**John 1:16** (Parallel theme): And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.