

# John 4:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.

## Analysis

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Jesus' departure from Judea represents strategic wisdom, not fearful retreat. He sovereignly controls the timing of confrontation with authorities. This illustrates that while Christ was completely faithful to His mission, He also exercised prudence in avoiding premature conflict. The Reformed ethic affirms both courage and wisdom in spiritual warfare.

## Historical Context

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Jesus left Judea around late 27 or early 28 AD, returning to Galilee where Herod Antipas ruled rather than the Pharisee-influenced religious establishment in Judea. This geographical shift affected His ministry's character and audience.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. How do we balance faithfulness to our calling with wisdom about timing and strategy?
2. When is withdrawal from conflict prudent versus when is it compromise?

## Interlinear Text

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ἀφῆκεν τὴν Ἰουδαίαν καὶ ἀπῆλθεν πάλιν εἰς τὴν  
**He left** G3588 **Judaea** G2449 **and** G2532 **departed** G565 **again** G3825 **into** G1519 G3588  
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Γαλιλαίαν  
**Galilee**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 10:23** (Parallel theme): But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.