

John 4:45

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.

Analysis

The Galileans received Jesus, having seen His works at the Jerusalem feast (likely the Passover of John 2:13-23). Their welcome, based on witnessed miracles, represents an initial but insufficient faith—John's Gospel consistently calls for faith in Christ's person, not merely His works. Yet God works through such preliminary faith toward genuine conversion.

Historical Context

Galilean pilgrims to Jerusalem would have witnessed Jesus' temple cleansing and signs (John 2:13-25). Their reception contrasts with Judean skepticism but still falls short of the Samaritans' confession of Him as 'Savior of the world.'

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does faith based primarily on miracles differ from faith based on Christ's word and person?
2. What role do signs and wonders play in bringing people toward genuine saving faith?

Interlinear Text

ὅτε οὖν ἦλθον εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ἐδέξαντο αὐτοὶ^{him}
when Then he was come into Galilee received
G3753 G3767 G2064 G1519 G3588 G1056 G1209 G846

οἱ Γαλιλαῖοι πάντα ἔωρακότες ἀ εποίησεν ἐν
the Galilaeans all the things having seen that he did at
G3588 G1057 G3956 G3708 G3739 G4160 G1722

Ἰεροσολύμοις ἐν τῇ ἑορτῇ καὶ αὐτοὶ γὰρ ἦλθον
Jerusalem at the feast also him for he was come
G2414 G1722 G3588 G1859 G2532 G846 G1063 G2064

εἰς τὴν ἑορτήν
into the feast
G1519 G1859

Additional Cross-References

John 2:23 (References Jerusalem): Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.

John 3:2 (Parallel theme): The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Deuteronomy 16:16 (Parallel theme): Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of

unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty:

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