

John 5:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.

Analysis

Jesus reminds them 'Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth,' referencing the delegation's inquiry (John 1:19-27). John's testimony was consistent and reliable—he pointed to Christ. That they consulted John shows their desire for prophetic guidance, yet they rejected his testimony about Jesus. This illustrates how seekers can resist truth when it challenges their assumptions.

Historical Context

The Jewish authorities' delegation to John the Baptist (John 1:19-27) represented official investigation. John's testimony was clear: he was not the Messiah but the forerunner, and Jesus is the Lamb of God who baptizes with the Spirit.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. Why do people sometimes seek spiritual truth yet resist it when clearly presented?
2. How does John the Baptist's example model faithful witness even to hostile audiences?

Interlinear Text

ὑμεῖς ἀπεστάλκατε πρὸς Ἰωάννην καὶ μεμαρτύρηκεν τῇ

Ye **sent** **unto** **John** **and** **he bare witness** G3588

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