

John 5:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

Analysis

Jesus claims 'greater witness than that of John'—His works themselves testify that the Father sent Him. Miracles serve as divine credentials (cf. Acts 2:22). The phrase 'the same works...bear witness of me' indicates that Christ's works are not His own but the Father's working through Him, validating His mission.

Historical Context

Jesus' miracles exceeded John's (John 10:41). These signs—healing, feeding thousands, raising the dead—demonstrated divine authority and fulfilled messianic prophecies, providing visual testimony to His identity.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How do Christ's works testify to His divine mission and authority?
2. What is the relationship between miraculous works and the witness they bear to Christ's identity?

Interlinear Text

ἐγὼ δὲ ἔχω τὴν μαρτυρίαν μείζω τοῦ Ἰωάννου· τὰ
I But have G1473 G1161 G2192 G3588 **witness** G3173 G3588 **than that of John** G2491 G3588

γὰρ ἔργα ἃ ἔδωκεν μοι ὁ πατήρ ἵνα τελειώσω
for the works that hath given me G1063 G2041 G3739 G1325 G3427 G3588 **the Father to finish** G3962 G2443 G5048

αὐτὰ αὐτὰ τὰ ἔργα ἃ ἐγὼ ποιῶ μαρτυρεῖ περὶ
the same the same G846 G846 G3588 **the works that I do bear witness of** G2041 G3739 G1473 G4160 G3140 G4012

ἐμοῦ ὅτι ὁ πατήρ με ἀπέσταλκεν·
me that G1700 G3754 G3588 **the Father me** G3962 G3165 **hath sent** G649

Additional Cross-References

John 10:25 (Witness): Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

1 John 5:9 (Witness): If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

John 15:24 (Parallel theme): If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

John 2:23 (Parallel theme): 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.

Matthew 11:4 (References John): Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:

John 3:17 (Parallel theme): For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Acts 2:22 (Parallel theme): Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

John 5:32 (Witness): There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.

John 4:34 (Parallel theme): Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.