

John 5:43

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

Analysis

'I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.' Jesus came representing the Father; He was rejected. False messiahs came self-appointed; they were received. The irony exposes misplaced trust. Those who reject God's authorized representative accept self-authorized pretenders. History confirmed this—Bar Kokhba and others were followed while Christ was rejected.

Historical Context

Multiple false messiahs arose in Jewish history—Theudas, Judas of Galilee, Bar Kokhba. Despite lacking divine authorization, they gained followings. Israel rejected the true Messiah and received false ones. This pattern reveals the human tendency to prefer self-made religion over divine revelation.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. Why do people often reject divine authorization while accepting human pretenders?
2. What criteria do people use that leads them to accept false teachers?

Interlinear Text

ἐγὼ ἔλθῃ ἐν τῷ ὄνόματι τοῦ πατρός μου καὶ οὐ
I am come in name Father's my and not
G1473 G2064 G1722 G3588 G3686 G3588 G3962 G3450 G2532 G3756

λήψεσθε με· ἐὰν ἄλλος ἔλθῃ ἐν τῷ ὄνόματι τῷ
ye receive me if another come in name G3588 G3588
G2983 G3165 G1437 G243 G2064 G1722 G3686 G3588

ἰδίω ἐκεῖνον λήψεσθε
his own him ye receive
G2398 G1565 G2983

Additional Cross-References

John 10:25 (Parallel theme): 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.

Matthew 24:5 (Parallel theme): For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

John 6:38 (Parallel theme): For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

John 12:28 (Parallel theme): Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.