

John 6:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.' The crowd recognizes Jesus as 'the prophet'—referencing Deuteronomy 18:15's prediction of a prophet like Moses. Moses gave manna; Jesus gives bread. The connection is accurate but incomplete—He's not merely a prophet but the Son of God. Partial recognition can prevent full faith.

Historical Context

Jewish expectation of 'the prophet' was connected to but distinct from Messianic hope. Some expected the prophet would prepare for Messiah; others identified them. The crowd's identification is correct as far as it goes but stops short of recognizing Jesus' full identity.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does partial recognition of Jesus sometimes prevent full faith?
2. What connections did the crowd see between Jesus and Moses?

Interlinear Text

Oἱ οὖν ἄνθρωποι ιδόντες ὅτι ἐποίησεν σημεῖον
G3588 Then those men when they had seen that did the miracle
G3767 G444 G1492 G3739 G4160 G4592

ὁ Ἰησοῦς, ἔλεγον ὅτι Οὗτός ἐστιν ἀληθῶς ὁ
G3588 Jesus said This G3778 is of a truth G3588
G2424 G3004 G3754 G2076 G230

προφήτης ὅτι ἐρχόμενος εἰς τὸν κόσμον
that prophet G3588 that should come into G3588 the world
G4396 G2064 G1519 G2889

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 21:11 (Prophecy): And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

Acts 7:37 (Prophecy): This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

Matthew 11:3 (Parallel theme): And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

John 1:21 (Prophecy): And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

John 7:40 (Prophecy): Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.

John 4:19 (Prophecy): The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

Genesis 49:10 (Parallel theme): The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

John 4:25 (Parallel theme): The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

John 4:42 (Parallel theme): And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Luke 24:19 (Prophecy): And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: