

John 6:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.' The crowds' motivation reveals mixed faith—they followed for miracles, not for the Miracle-worker Himself. Their interest was pragmatic: healing and provision rather than truth and transformation. Jesus would later confront this shallow motivation (verse 26). Crowds that follow for benefits disperse when demands increase.

Historical Context

Jesus' healing ministry attracted massive crowds throughout Galilee. The excitement was genuine but often superficial. These same crowds would abandon Jesus when His teaching became difficult (verse 66). Following for miracles is different from following for truth.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. What motivates your following of Christ—benefits or love of Him personally?

2. How do we distinguish between genuine faith and interest in what Jesus can provide?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἠκολούθει	αὐτοῦ	ὄχλος	πολύς	ὅτι	έώρων	αὐτοῦ
And	followed	him	multitude	a great	because	they saw	him
G2532	G190	G846	G3793	G4183	G3754	G3708	G846
τὰ	σημεῖα	ἃ	ἐποίει	ἐπὶ	τῶν	ἀσθενούντων	
G3588	miracles	which	he did	on	G3588	them that were diseased	
	G4592	G3739	G4160	G1909		G770	

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