

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 ἤκολούθει αὐτοῦ ὅχλος πολύς ὅτι ἐώρων αὐτοῦ
And followed him multitude a great because they saw him
G2532 G190 G846 G3793 G4183 G3754 G3708 G846

τὰ σημεῖα Ἡ ἐποίει ἐπὶ τῶν ἀσθενούντων
G3588 miracles which he did on G3588 them that were diseased
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