

John 6:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

Analysis

Jesus' statement 'ye also have seen me, and believe not' diagnoses the problem—sight without faith. They witnessed miracles, heard teaching, yet didn't truly believe. This proves that evidence alone doesn't produce saving faith; the Spirit must work internally. External witness, however compelling, requires internal transformation to produce genuine conversion.

Historical Context

Despite proximity to Jesus, miracles, and teaching, many who saw Him directly didn't believe (John 12:37). This sobering reality shows that physical presence with Christ doesn't guarantee faith—spiritual regeneration is required.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. Why can people witness miracles and hear truth yet still not believe?
2. What does this teach about the necessity of the Spirit's work in producing genuine faith?

Interlinear Text

ἀλλ'	εἶπον	ὑμῖν	ὅτι	καὶ	ἐωράκατέ	με	καὶ	οὐ
But	I said	unto you	That	also	have seen	me	also	not
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Additional Cross-References

John 6:26 (Parallel theme): Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

John 12:37 (Faith): But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:

Luke 16:31 (Parallel theme): And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.