

John 6:67

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

Analysis

'Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?' Jesus offers the Twelve opportunity to leave. He doesn't beg them to stay or promise easier terms. The question tests their commitment and invites honest evaluation. Jesus wants willing followers, not trapped disciples. The 'also' acknowledges others' departure while asking if the Twelve share their response.

Historical Context

This moment of crisis crystallizes the Twelve's commitment. They could have joined the departing crowd. Jesus' question respects their freedom while clarifying the choice. His willingness to let them go demonstrates that He values genuine faith over mere numbers.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. Why does Jesus offer His closest followers the opportunity to leave?
2. What does this question reveal about how Jesus values freely-chosen commitment?

Interlinear Text

εἶπεν οὖν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοῖς δώδεκα Μὴ καὶ ὑμεῖς
said Then G3588 Jesus G3588 unto the twelve G3361 also
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θέλετε ὑπάγειν

Will go away
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Additional Cross-References

John 6:70 (References Jesus): Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

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