

John 7:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?

Analysis

The Jews' question 'Where is thy Father?' reveals spiritual blindness - they cannot recognize that Jesus speaks of God. Christ's response shows that knowing Him is knowing the Father, demonstrating the Son's perfect revelation of God. This Johannine theme (14:9) establishes that Christ is the full and final revelation of God's nature and character.

Historical Context

Jesus teaches in the temple treasury (v. 20), the Court of Women where offering boxes stood. This public setting emphasizes the boldness of His claims before religious authorities.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How fully does Jesus reveal the Father's character?
2. Why do people fail to recognize God even when He reveals Himself clearly?
3. What does it mean to truly 'know' God rather than merely know about Him?

Interlinear Text

οὐ	Μωσῆς	δέδωκεν	ὑμῖν	τὸν	νόμον	καὶ	οὐδεὶς	ἐξ
not	Moses	Did	you	G3588	the law	and	yet none	of
G3756	G3475	G1325	G5213		G3551	G2532	G3762	G1537
ὑμῶν	ποιεῖ	τὸν	νόμον	τί	με	ζητεῖτε	ἀποκτεῖναι	
you	keepeth	G3588	the law	Why	me	go ye about	to kill	
G5216	G4160		G3551	G5101	G3165	G2212	G615	

Additional Cross-References

John 1:17 (Word): For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Matthew 12:14 (Parallel theme): Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

John 7:1 (Parallel theme): After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.

John 11:53 (Parallel theme): Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

Deuteronomy 33:4 (Word): Moses commanded us a law, even the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.

Deuteronomy 1:17 (Parallel theme): Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it.

Galatians 6:13 (Word): For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

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