

John 7:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he, whom they seek to kill? Some Jerusalem residents recognize Jesus is the target of authorities' death plot. Their question reveals public knowledge of the conspiracy. The phrase 'whom they seek to kill' (hon zētousin apokteinai) uses present tense—the seeking continues. This creates dramatic tension: everyone knows authorities want Him dead, yet He teaches openly in the temple.

Historical Context

Jerusalem residents, unlike pilgrim crowds, would know local politics and Sanhedrin intentions. The public nature of the death plot shows how blatant the opposition had become. Yet Jesus taught boldly despite the danger, demonstrating courage and divine protection until His appointed hour (John 7:30, 8:20).

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus's boldness despite death threats teach about faithful ministry?
2. How do we balance wisdom with courage when facing opposition?
3. What does public knowledge of the plot reveal about the spiritual battle?

Interlinear Text

Ἔλεγον	οὖν	τινες	ἐκ	τῶν	Ἱεροσολυμιτῶν	Οὐχ	οὗτός
said	Then	some	of	G3588	them of Jerusalem	not	this
G3004	G3767	G5100	G1537		G2415	G3756	G3778
ἐστιν	ὃν	ζητοῦσιν	ἀποκτεῖναι				
Is	he whom	they seek	to kill				
G2076	G3739	G2212	G615				

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