

# John 7:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come. Jesus's claims provoke hostile response—'they sought to take him' (ezētoun...piasai). Yet 'no man laid hands on him' (oudeis epebalen ep' auton tēn cheira) despite intent. The reason: 'his hour was not yet come' (hoti oupō elēluthei hē hōra autou). God's sovereign protection prevented premature arrest. Jesus would be taken only at the appointed time. Reformed theology emphasizes divine providence—God's purposes cannot be thwarted.

## Historical Context

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This is the third mention of Jesus's 'hour' in John (2:4, 7:6, 7:30). The hour is His appointed time for crucifixion and glorification. Until that hour, Jesus was invulnerable despite repeated attempts (John 8:59, 10:31, 10:39). When the hour came, He willingly surrendered (John 18:4-8). This demonstrates Jesus wasn't victim but willing sacrifice at the precise moment ordained by God.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's sovereign timing protect His servants?
2. What does Jesus's control over His 'hour' teach about providence?
3. How should understanding God's timing affect our courage in ministry?

## Interlinear Text

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Ἔζήτουν	οὖν	αὐτοῦ	πιάσαι	καὶ	οὐδεὶς	ἐπέβαλεν	ἐπ'	
they sought	Then	him	to take	but	no man	laid	on	
G2212	G3767	G846	G4084	G2532	G3762	G1911	G1909	
αὐτοῦ	τὴν	χεῖρα	ὅτι	οὐπω	ἐληλύθει	ἡ	ὥρα	αὐτοῦ
him	G3588	hands	because	not yet	come	G3588	hour	him
G846		G5495	G3754	G3768	G2064		G5610	G846

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 8:20** (Parallel theme): These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.

**John 10:39** (Parallel theme): Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,

**John 7:6** (Parallel theme): Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready.

**John 7:32** (Parallel theme): The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him.