

John 7:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him. The authorities react to growing support for Jesus. 'The people murmured' (ho ochlos gogguzontos) indicates widespread discussion. The Pharisees and chief priests (representing Sanhedrin) send 'officers' (hupēretas)—temple police. This is official action to arrest Jesus. Yet as verse 45 shows, the officers return empty-handed, themselves impressed by Jesus's teaching.

Historical Context

The temple police were Levites responsible for maintaining order. The Sanhedrin had authority to arrest for religious offenses. The joint Pharisee-Sadducee action shows unusual cooperation—these groups usually disagreed, but Jesus united them in opposition (a pattern continuing through His trial). The officers' failure (verse 45-46) demonstrates Jesus's authority transcended coercive power.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does cooperation between rival groups to oppose Jesus reveal?
2. Why couldn't officers arrest Jesus despite orders?
3. How does gospel truth sometimes overcome hostile intent?

Interlinear Text

Ἦκουσαν	οἱ	Φαρισαῖοι	τοῦ	ὄχλου	γογγύζοντος	
heard	G3588	The Pharisees	G3588	that the people	murmured	
G191		G5330		G3793	G1111	
περὶ	αὐτόν	ταῦτα	καὶ	ἀπέστειλαν	οἱ	Φαρισαῖοι
concerning	him	such things	and	sent	G3588	The Pharisees
G4012	G846	G5023	G2532	G649		G5330
καὶ	οἱ	ἀρχιερεῖς	ὑπηρέτας	ἵνα	πάσωσιν	αὐτόν
and	G3588	the chief priests	officers	to	take	him
G2532		G749	G5257	G2443	G4084	G846

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