

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

“**Ηκουσαν** οἱ **Φαρισαῖοι** τοῦ **ὄχλου** **γογγύζοντος**
heard G3588 The Pharisees G5330 that the people G3793 murmured G1111
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περὶ **αὐτόν** **ταῦτα** **καὶ** **ἀπέστειλαν** οἱ **Φαρισαῖοι**
concerning him such things and sent G3588 The Pharisees G5330
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καὶ οἱ **ἀρχιερεῖς** **ὑπηρέτας** **ἵνα** **πιάσωσιν** **αὐτόν**
and G3588 the chief priests officers to take him
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