

John 7:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come. Jesus prophesies that His opponents will seek Him after His departure but find Him inaccessible. 'Where I am' refers to His heavenly session at the Father's right hand. 'Ye cannot come' indicates their spiritual inability to reach Him due to unbelief. This is solemn warning—opportunity for belief is limited; rejecting Christ now means eternal separation later. Reformed theology emphasizes the urgency of responding to Christ while opportunity exists.

Historical Context

This echoes Proverbs 1:24-28 where rejected Wisdom becomes unavailable. Jesus will be accessible only during His earthly ministry; afterward, only believers access Him through faith. When Jerusalem falls (AD 70), Jews will seek deliverance but find none. Spiritually, those who reject Christ in this life cannot reach Him in the next. The early church understood this urgency, preaching immediate repentance.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to seek Christ but not find Him?
2. How does this warn about delayed response to the gospel?
3. What is the relationship between present rejection and future inability to reach Christ?

Interlinear Text

ζητήσετέ	με	καὶ	οὐ	εὑρήσετέ	καὶ	ὅπου	εἰμὶ	ἐγώ
Ye shall seek	me	and	cannot	find	and	where	am	I
G2212	G3165	G2532	G3756	G2147	G2532	G3699	G1510	G1473
ὑμεῖς	οὐ	δύνασθε	έλθεῖν					
thither ye	cannot			come				
G5210	G3756			G2064				

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