

John 7:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. Some identify Jesus as 'the Prophet' whom Moses predicted (Deuteronomy 18:15-18). This shows partial understanding—Jesus is indeed the Prophet, but He's also much more (Messiah, Son of God). Their recognition is step toward full faith but incomplete. The crowd remains divided about Jesus's identity.

Historical Context

Deuteronomy 18:15-18 predicted a prophet like Moses whom God would raise up. First-century Jews expected this prophet, sometimes distinguishing him from Messiah (John 1:21, 25), sometimes identifying them. Jesus is the ultimate prophet—God's final word (Hebrews 1:1-2). Peter applies Deuteronomy 18 to Jesus in Acts 3:22-23. Yet prophet doesn't capture Jesus's full identity—He's also priest and king.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How is Jesus 'the Prophet' Moses predicted?
2. Why is 'prophet' inadequate to fully describe Jesus?
3. What other titles and roles does Jesus fulfill?

Interlinear Text

πολλοὶ	οὖν	Ἐκ	τοῦ	ὄχλου	ἀκούσαντες	τὸν	λόγον,
Many	therefore	of	<small>G3588</small>	the people	when they heard	<small>G3588</small>	this saying
<small>G4183</small>	<small>G3767</small>	<small>G1537</small>		<small>G3793</small>	<small>G191</small>		<small>G3056</small>
ἔλεγον	Οὗτός	ἐστιν	ἀληθῶς	ὁ	προφήτης·		
said	this	is	Of a truth	<small>G3588</small>	the Prophet		
<small>G3004</small>	<small>G3778</small>	<small>G2076</small>	<small>G230</small>		<small>G4396</small>		

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 21:11 (Prophecy): And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.