

John 7:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Others take the further step, identifying Jesus as Messiah ('Christ'—ho Christos). But objections arise: 'Shall Christ come out of Galilee?' The question assumes Messiah wouldn't come from Galilee, reflecting prejudice and incomplete knowledge. Jesus was born in Bethlehem but raised in Nazareth/Galilee. The objectors don't know His full background.

Historical Context

Galileans were looked down upon by Judeans as rustic and less religiously sophisticated. Nathanael's question 'Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?' (John 1:46) reflects this prejudice. The objectors knew Messiah should come from Bethlehem (verse 42, Micah 5:2) and assumed Jesus's Galilean background disqualified Him. They lacked complete information—Jesus was born in Bethlehem (Matthew 2, Luke 2). This warns against judging based on incomplete evidence.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How did regional prejudice blind people to truth about Jesus?
2. What prejudices today might similarly blind people to Christ?
3. How can we avoid making judgments based on incomplete information?

Interlinear Text

ἄλλοι ἔλεγον Οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ Χριστὸς ἄλλοι δὲ
Others **said** **This** **is** ^{G3588} **Christ** **Others** **But**
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ἔλεγον Μὴ γὰρ ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας ὁ Χριστὸς
said **Shall** ^{G1063} **out of** ^{G3588} **Galilee** ^{G3588} **Christ**
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Additional Cross-References

John 1:46 (Parallel theme): And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

John 7:52 (Parallel theme): They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.