

John 7:44

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

Analysis

And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him. Some wanted to arrest Jesus, yet 'no man laid hands on him.' Despite hostile intent, they couldn't act. God's sovereign protection prevented premature arrest. Jesus remained safe until His appointed hour. This demonstrates divine providence—human plans cannot thwart God's purposes. When God protects, none can harm.

Historical Context

This echoes verse 30—repeated attempts to seize Jesus fail until His hour comes. Luke 4:28-30 records a similar incident where hostile crowd couldn't harm Him. When His hour arrived, Jesus willingly surrendered (John 18:4-8). This pattern proves Jesus wasn't victim but willing sacrifice who controlled timing. The early church experienced similar protection—imprisoned apostles freed (Acts 5:19, 12:6-11), Paul escaped multiple plots (Acts 9:23-25, 23:12-24). God protects His servants until their work is complete.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's sovereign protection operate in hostile circumstances?
2. What does Jesus's invulnerability until His hour teach about providence?
3. How should this encourage Christians facing opposition?

Interlinear Text

τινὲς	δὲ	ἤθελον	ἐξ	αὐτὸν	πιάσαι	αὐτὸν	ἀλλ'	οὐδεὶς
some	And	would	of	him	have taken	him	but	no man
G5100	G1161	G2309	G1537	G846	G4084	G846	G235	G3762
ἐπέβαλεν	ἐπ'	αὐτὸν	τὰς	χεῖρας				
laid	on	him		hands				
G1911	G1909	G846	G3588	G5495				

Additional Cross-References

John 7:30 (Parallel theme): Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.

Acts 23:11 (Parallel theme): And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.