

John 7:53

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And every man went unto his own house.

Analysis

And every man went unto his own house. The council meeting ends inconclusively. Despite murder plot and arrest attempt, Jesus remains free. 'Every man went unto his own house' indicates adjournment without decision. The division over Jesus prevented consensus for immediate action. God's providence works even through human disagreements to accomplish His purposes. Jesus's hour hasn't come; therefore, all plots fail.

Historical Context

This verse concludes chapter 7's Tabernacles festival controversy. The council couldn't reach consensus to arrest Jesus despite wanting Him dead. Nicodemus's procedural objection, combined with crowd support and perhaps fear of riot, delayed action. Jesus remained free to teach until His appointed hour. When that hour came (chapters 18-19), events moved swiftly. The delay proves God's sovereign control over timing.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does God work through human indecision to accomplish His purposes?
2. What does the failed arrest attempt teach about divine sovereignty?
3. How should this encourage us when facing opposition?

Interlinear Text

Καὶ ἐπορεύθη ἕκαστος εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ
And went every man unto his house
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 33:10 (Parallel theme): The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

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