

# John 8:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.

## Analysis

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Jesus speaks in the treasury, the most public part of the temple, yet none arrests Him because His hour hasn't come. Divine sovereignty over all circumstances is emphasized repeatedly in John. No human hostility can thwart God's redemptive plan or hasten Christ's death one moment before the appointed time. This provides ultimate assurance for believers.

## Historical Context

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The treasury's location in the Court of Women made it heavily trafficked and well-guarded, yet Jesus taught openly about His relationship with the Father without interference until God's timing permitted.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's sovereign control over timing affect your anxiety?
2. When have you seen God's providence protecting His purposes?

### 3. What confidence does divine timing provide when facing opposition?

## Interlinear Text

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Ταῦτα	τὰ	ῥήματα	ἐλάλησεν	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	ἐν	τῷ
<b>These</b> G5023	G3588	<b>words</b> G4487	<b>spake</b> G2980	G3588	<b>Jesus</b> G2424	<b>in</b> G1722	G3588
γαζοφυλακίῳ	διδάσκων	ἐν	τῷ	ἱερῷ·	καὶ	οὐδεὶς	
<b>the treasury</b> G1049	<b>as he taught</b> G1321	<b>in</b> G1722	G3588	<b>the temple</b> G2411	<b>and</b> G2532	<b>no man</b> G3762	
ἐπίασεν	αὐτοῦ	ὅτι	οὐπω	ἐληλύθει	ἡ	ὥρα	αὐτοῦ
<b>laid hands</b> G4084	<b>his</b> G846	<b>for</b> G3754	<b>not yet</b> G3768	<b>come</b> G2064	G3588	<b>hour</b> G5610	<b>his</b> G846

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.

**Mark 12:41** (References Jesus): And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.

**John 7:8** (Parallel theme): Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come.

**Mark 12:43** (Parallel theme): And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:

**Matthew 27:6** (Word): And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.