

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

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

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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

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

Ταῦτα τὰ ῥήματα ἐλάλησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐν τῷ
These words spake Jesus in τῷ
G5023 G4487 G2980 G3588 G2424 G1722 G3588

γαζοφυλακίων διδάσκων ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ· καὶ οὐδεὶς
the treasury as he taught in the temple and no man
G1049 G1321 G1722 G2411 G2532 G3762

ἐπίασεν αὐτοῦ ὅτι οὐπώ ἐληλύθει ἡ ὥρα αὐτοῦ
laid hands his for not yet come hour his
G4084 G846 G3754 G3768 G2064 G3588 G5610 G846

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.

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.