

Luke 22:65

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And many other things blasphemously spake they against him. Luke summarizes continued abuse: *kai hetera polla blasphemountes elegon eis auton* (καὶ ἕτερα πολλὰ βλασφημοῦντες ἔλεγον εἰς αὐτόν, 'and many other things blaspheming they spoke against him'). The verb *blasphēmeō* (βλασφημέω) means to slander, revile, speak evil—particularly against God. The irony is profound: they accuse Jesus of blasphemy (v. 70-71) while they themselves blaspheme God incarnate. *Polla* (πολλά, 'many things') indicates sustained verbal abuse—curses, insults, mockery continued through the night.

This verse shows the guards' hardness—no miracle, teaching, or prophecy fulfillment penetrates their hatred. They earlier witnessed Jesus heal Malchus' ear (v. 51) yet now abuse Him. This demonstrates human depravity: proximity to Jesus without faith produces greater hardness, not conversion. The blasphemies foreshadow the crowd's later cries: 'Crucify him!' (Luke 23:21). The progression is clear: verbal abuse leads to physical abuse leads to murder. Sin never stays static; it escalates.

Historical Context

Luke, writing for Gentile readers, summarizes the abuse without graphic details—his account is more restrained than Matthew's or Mark's. The 'blasphemies' likely included mocking Jesus' messianic claims, divine sonship, and teaching authority. For Luke's audience, the irony was clear: those claiming to defend God's honor were cursing God's Son. Early Christian readers facing similar abuse (1 Peter 4:14)

found comfort knowing Christ endured worse. His silence during revilement became model for believers (1 Peter 2:23).

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What does the guards' blasphemy reveal about sin's blinding power?
2. How can people witness miracles yet still reject Christ and abuse His followers?
3. What does Jesus' endurance of blasphemy teach believers facing verbal persecution?

Interlinear Text

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