

Luke 4:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But he passing through the midst of them went his way,

Analysis

But he passing through the midst of them went his way. The simple statement conceals a miracle. The Greek διήλθεν διὰ μέσου αὐτῶν (diēlthen dia mesou autōn, passed through their midst) indicates Jesus walked directly through the murderous mob unharmed. Whether through supernatural intervention (making Himself invisible or the crowd unable to seize Him) or through the sheer force of His divine presence and authority, Jesus departed unscathed.

This demonstrates Jesus' sovereignty over His own death—He would die at the appointed time in the appointed way, not before. John 7:30, 8:20 repeatedly note that "no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come." Jesus' hour of crucifixion was divinely appointed (John 12:23, 13:1, 17:1). No mob could kill Him prematurely. His walking through them unharmed also demonstrates divine protection of His servants until their mission is complete.

Historical Context

This miraculous deliverance previews Jesus' eventual resurrection and ascension. The crowd that sought to throw Him down could not hold Him. His passing through them unharmed demonstrates authority over human violence and divine timing. Similar incidents occur throughout Jesus' ministry—He escaped the crowd seeking to stone Him (John 8:59, 10:39) and walked past the temple guards (John 7:30). Only when the appointed hour arrived did Jesus willingly lay down His life (John 10:18). This pattern encouraged early Christians facing persecution: God protects His servants until their appointed time.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus' miraculous deliverance teach about God's sovereignty over timing and circumstances?
2. How should this account encourage believers facing opposition: that God protects His people until their mission is complete?
3. In what ways does Jesus' passing through the murderous crowd preview His resurrection victory over death?

Interlinear Text

αὐτῶν	δὲ	διελθὼν	διὰ	μέσου	αὐτῶν	ἐπορεύετο
of them	But	he passing	through	the midst	of them	went his way
G846	G1161	G1330	G1223	G3319	G846	G4198

Additional Cross-References

John 10:39 (Parallel theme): Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,

John 8:59 (Parallel theme): Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Acts 12:18 (Parallel theme): Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter.