

# Luke 5:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?

## Analysis

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Jesus perceiving their thoughts answering said What reason ye in hearts. Perceiving epignous full knowledge. Thoughts dialogismous reasonings objections. Answering apokritheis responded though unspoken. Said eipen. What ti interrogative. Reason dialogizesthe deliberate argue. Hearts kardia is inner being. Jesus knows thoughts sees hearts. Divine omniscience attribute of deity. Nothing hidden from Him. Thoughts attitudes motives all open. Speaks to unspoken objections. Reformed theology affirms Christ deity including omniscience. Knows His sheep calls by name. Pastoral ministry requires spiritual discernment not omniscience but sensitivity Spirit leading.

## Historical Context

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Jewish leaders thought silently Jesus heard answered internal dialogue. Demonstrated supernatural knowledge. Similar to Nathanael under fig tree Peter you are Christ. Divine knowledge uncomfortable convicting. Scribes Pharisees exposed even in silent thoughts. Later Jesus read Pharisees condemning woman adultery (John 8). Hebrews 4:13 all things naked open to Him whom we must give account. Nothing hidden before God. Early church understood Christ searching knowledge. Ananias Sapphira could not lie to Holy Spirit. God knows reality not appearance.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus knowing unspoken thoughts demonstrate His deity and what implications for our inner life?
2. What does divine omniscience mean for areas of life we think are private hidden?

## Interlinear Text

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perceived But G3588 when Jesus G3588 thoughts their  
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ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν πρὸς αὐτούς Τί διαλογίζεσθε ἐν  
he answering said unto their What reason ye in  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 24:38** (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

**Isaiah 66:18** (Parallel theme): For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

**Acts 5:3** (Parallel theme): But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

**Psalms 139:2** (Parallel theme): Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

**Mark 8:17** (References Jesus): And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?

**Matthew 9:4** (References Jesus): And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?

**Matthew 12:25** (References Jesus): And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

**Revelation 2:23** (Parallel theme): And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

**Hebrews 4:12** (Parallel theme): For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**1 Chronicles 28:9** (Parallel theme): And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.