

# Matthew 16:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven.

## Analysis

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Reformed theology emphasizes the divine initiative evident in this text. The verse connects to broader biblical themes of covenant, redemption, and God's unchanging character. Understanding this passage requires recognizing both its historical context and its application to Christian life.

## Historical Context

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The historical setting involved complex religious and political dynamics. Jewish leaders maintained authority through Roman tolerance while common people sought deliverance. Jesus' teaching addressed both immediate concerns and eternal truths.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

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

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse deepen your appreciation for Christ?
2. What false beliefs or practices does this text correct?
3. How should you share this truth with others?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ προσελθόντες οἱ Φαρισαῖοι καὶ Σαδδουκαῖοι  
also came The Pharisees also with the Sadducees  
G2532 G4334 G3588 G5330 G2532 G4523

πειράζοντες ἐπηρώτησαν αὐτοῖς σημεῖον ἐκ τοῦ  
tempting desired him a sign from G3588  
G3985 G1905 G6846 G4592 G1537

οὐρανοῦ ἐπιδεῖξαι αὐτοῖς  
heaven that he would shew him  
G3772 G1925 G846

## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 11:16** (Parallel theme): And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven.

**Acts 4:1** (Parallel theme): And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

**Matthew 16:6** (Resurrection): Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

**1 Corinthians 1:22** (Parallel theme): For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

**John 8:6** (Parallel theme): This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

**Acts 5:17** (Parallel theme): Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,

**Luke 20:23** (Parallel theme): But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me?

**Luke 20:27** (Resurrection): Then came to him certain of the Sadducees, which deny that there is any resurrection; and they asked him,