

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

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

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

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

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

καὶ	προσελθόντες	οἱ	Φαρισαῖοι	καὶ	Σαδδουκαῖοι
also	came	G3588	The Pharisees	also	with the Sadducees
G2532	G4334		G5330	G2532	G4523
πειράζοντες	ἐπηρώτησαν	αὐτοῖς	σημεῖον	ἐκ	τοῦ
tempting	desired	him	a sign	from	G3588
G3985	G1905	G846	G4592	G1537	
οὐρανοῦ	ἐπιδεῖξαι	αὐτοῖς			
heaven	that he would shew	him			
G3772	G1925	G846			

Additional Cross-References

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,

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