

Matthew 16:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

Analysis

This verse reveals profound theological truth central to Reformed understanding of Scripture. The passage demonstrates God's sovereignty and grace working through human circumstances. Christ's teaching here challenges contemporary religious assumptions while pointing to deeper spiritual realities.

Historical Context

This verse originates in Jesus' ministry during a pivotal period. The first-century Jewish context included Roman occupation, Pharisaic religious authority, and messianic expectations. Understanding these factors illuminates the passage's significance.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does this passage challenge your understanding of God's character?
2. What practical application does this truth have in your daily walk?
3. How should this verse shape your priorities and decisions?

Interlinear Text

οἱ δὲ εἶπον, Οἱ μὲν Ἰωάννην τὸν
G3588 **And** they said G3588 **Some say that thou art** **John** G3588
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βαπτιστήν, ἄλλοι δὲ Ἠλίαν, ἕτεροι δὲ Ἰερεμίαν, ἢ
the Baptist **some** **And** **Elias** **others** **And** **Jeremias** **or**
G910 G243 G1161 G2243 G2087 G1161 G2408 G2228

ἓνα τῶν προφητῶν
one G3588 **of the prophets**
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Additional Cross-References

Mark 6:15 (Prophecy): Others said, That it is Elias. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets.

Matthew 14:2 (References John): And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.

Malachi 4:5 (Prophecy): Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

John 9:17 (Prophecy): They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

John 7:12 (Parallel theme): And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people.