

# Matthew 17:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?

## 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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First-century Palestine was marked by religious fervor and political tension. The passage reflects interactions between Jesus and various groups: Pharisees, Sadducees, disciples, and crowds. Each audience received teaching tailored to their needs and spiritual condition.

## Related Passages

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

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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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

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καὶ ἐπηρώτησαν αὐτοῦ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγουσιν Τί  
**And** **asked** **him** <sup>G3588</sup> **disciples** **him** **say** **Why**  
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οὖν οἱ γραμματεῖς λέγουσιν ὅτι Ἠλίαν δεῖ ἐλθεῖν  
**then** <sup>G3588</sup> **the scribes** **say** **that** **Elias** **must** **come**  
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πρῶτον  
**first**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 11:14** (Parallel theme): And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.

**John 1:25** (Parallel theme): And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?