

# Matthew 17:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed.  
Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

## Analysis

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This text illustrates key Reformed principles: sola Scriptura, sola gratia, and sola fide. The passage demonstrates how God's Word speaks authoritatively to human need, revealing both our depravity and God's merciful provision through Christ.

## 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 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What does this text reveal about human nature and God's grace?
2. How can you apply this teaching to current struggles or questions?
3. What changes in thinking or behavior does this passage require?

## Interlinear Text

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λέγω	δὲ	ὕμῖν	ὅτι	Ἑλίας	ἤδη	ἦλθεν	καὶ	οὐκ
<b>I say</b>	<b>But</b>	<b>unto you</b>	<b>That</b>	<b>Elias</b>	<b>already</b>	<b>is come</b>	<b>also</b>	<b>not</b>
G3004	G1161	G5213	G3754	G2243	G2235	G2064	G2532	G3756
ἐπέγνωσαν	αὐτῶν	ἀλλ'	ἐποίησαν	ἐν	αὐτῶν	ὅσα		
<b>they knew</b>	<b>him</b>	<b>but</b>	<b>have done</b>	<b>unto</b>	<b>him</b>	<b>whatsoever</b>		
G1921	G846	G235	G4160	G1722	G846	G3745		
ἠθέλησαν·	οὕτως	καὶ	ὁ	υἱὸς	τοῦ	ἀνθρώπου	μέλλει	
<b>they listed</b>	<b>Likewise</b>	<b>also</b>	G3588	<b>the Son</b>	G3588	<b>of man</b>	<b>shall</b>	
G2309	G3779	G2532		G5207		G444	G3195	
πάσχειν	ὑπ'	αὐτῶν						
<b>suffer</b>	<b>of</b>	<b>him</b>						
G3958	G5259	G846						

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 16:21** (Parallel theme): From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

**Acts 4:10** (Parallel theme): Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.