

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

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

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

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

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

λέγω δὲ ὑμῖν ὅτι Ἡλίας ἥδη ἥλθεν καὶ οὐκ

I say But unto you That Elias already is come also not

G3004

G1161

G5213

G3754

G2243

G2235

G2064

G2532

G3756

ἐπέγνωσαν αὐτῶν ἀλλ' ἐποίησαν ἐν αὐτῶν ὅσα

they knew him but have done unto him whatsoever

G1921

G846

G235

G4160

G1722

G846

G3745

ἠθέλησαν· οὕτως καὶ ὁ νίος τοῦ ἀνθρώπου μέλλει

they listed Likewise also the Son of man shall

G2309

G3779

G2532

G3588

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G3195

πάσχειν ὑπ' αὐτῶν

suffer of him

G3958

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Additional Cross-References

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.