

# Matthew 21:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

## Analysis

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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

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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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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## 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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καὶ ἔάν τι ὑμῖν εἴπη τι ἐρεῖτε ὅτι Ὁ  
**And if any man unto you say any man ye shall say** G3754 G3588  
G2532 G1437 G5100 G5213 G2036 G5100 G2046

κύριος αὐτοῦς χρείαν ἔχει· εὐθέως δὲ ἀποστελεῖ  
**The Lord of them need hath straightway and he will send**  
G2962 G846 G5532 G2192 G2112 G1161 G649

αὐτοῦς  
**of them**  
G846

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 17:25** (Parallel theme): Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

**John 3:35** (Parallel theme): The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

**2 Corinthians 8:9** (References Lord): For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

**Psalms 24:1** (References Lord): The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

**John 17:2** (Parallel theme): As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

**Ezra 1:5** (References Lord): Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.

**Ezra 7:27** (References Lord): Blessed be the LORD God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem:

