

# οὐδέ

## greek

### Meaning

- Not
- Nor
- Neither
- Not even

A combination of the words οὐ (meaning no) and δέ (meaning however or but). The word οὐδέ adds another negative element to a sentence that already has one. οὐδέ can join words, phrases, or whole clauses. It often functions like English “nor” in a correlative pair:

- οὐ...οὐδέ → “not...nor...”
- οὔτε...οὔτε → “neither...nor...”

Sometimes, οὐδέ means “not even” when used before a single word for emphasis.

## Biblical Examples

[Matthew 6:20](#)plugin-autotooltip\_\_default plugin-autotooltip\_bigMatthew 6:20

Greek θησαυρίζετε δὲ ὑμῖν θησαυροὺς ἐν οὐρανῷ, ὅπου οὔτε σὴς οὔτε βρῶσις ἀφανίζει, καὶ ὅπου κλέπται οὐ διορύσσουσιν οὐδὲ κλέπτουσιν· ESV but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. NIV But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.... - “But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt.” - ὅπου οὔτε σὴς οὐδὲ βρῶσις ἀφανίζει → οὐδέ joins the two negatives (moth and rust).

[John 7:5](#)plugin-autotooltip\_\_default plugin-autotooltip\_bigJohn 7:5

Greek οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ ἀδελφοὶ αὐτοῦ ἐπίστευον εἰς αὐτόν. ESV For not even his brothers believed in him. NIV For even his own brothers did not believe in him. NLT For even his brothers didn't believe in him. KJV For neither did his brethren believe in him. ----- - “For even his brothers did not believe in him.” - οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ ἀδελφοὶ αὐτοῦ ἐπίστευον εἰς αὐτόν → οὐδέ intensifies the statement, “not even his brothers.”

[Romans 3:10](#)plugin-autotooltip\_\_default plugin-autotooltip\_bigRomans 3:10

Greek καθὼς γέγραπται ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν δίκαιος οὐδὲ εἷς, ESV as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; NIV As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one; NLT As the Scriptures say, “No one is righteous-- not even one. KJV As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: - “There is none righteous, no, not one” → οὐδέ emphasize that no exception exists

## Comparison of similar words

| Word        | Meaning                  | Typical Use                                          |
|-------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>οὐ</b>   | not                      | Basic negative (objective statement)                 |
| <b>μή</b>   | not                      | Negative for commands, wishes, or subjective clauses |
| <b>οὐδέ</b> | and not / nor / not even | Adds a negative clause or emphasizes exclusion       |
| <b>οὔτε</b> | neither / nor            | Used in pairs for parallel structure                 |

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