

Acts 10:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Historical Context

Hosting Gentiles overnight violated traditional Jewish purity practices. Peter's willingness showed instant paradigm shift from rooftop vision. Taking Joppa believers as witnesses (Acts 10:45, 11:12 specifies six men) provided corroboration for controversial action. This journey from Joppa to Caesarea (30 miles) around 40 CE required full day's travel, giving Peter time to process revolutionary implications of impending Gentile evangelism.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does hospitality express acceptance and break down social barriers?
2. What role do witnesses play in controversial but divinely-ordained ministry actions?
3. In what ways did the journey time allow Peter to mentally prepare for revolutionary encounter?
4. How should believers balance traditional practices with fresh divine revelation?
5. What does immediately hosting Gentiles teach about putting new understanding into practice?

Interlinear Text

εἰσκαλεσάμενος οὖν αὐτῷ ἐξένισεν Τῇ δὲ
called he Then him and lodged G3588 them And
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ἐπαύριον ὁ Πέτρος, ἐξῆλθεν σὺν αὐτῷ καὶ τινες
on the morrow G3588 Peter went away with him and certain
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τῶν ἀδελφῶν τῶν ἀπὸ τὴς Ἰόππης συνῆλθον αὐτῷ
G3588 brethren G3588 from G3588 G2445 G4905 G846
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 10:45 (References Peter): And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 11:12 (Parallel theme): And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

Hebrews 13:2 (Parallel theme): Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

1 Peter 4:9 (Parallel theme): Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

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