

# Acts 10:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.** Peter's hospitality toward Gentile messengers and willingness to travel to Gentile home demonstrated immediate application of vision's lesson about clean/unclean distinctions being abolished.

## Historical Context

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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

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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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

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εἰσκαλεσάμενος	οὖν	αὐτῷ	ἐξένισεν	τῇ	δὲ		
called he	Then	him	and lodged	G3588	them And		
G1528	G3767	G846	G3579		G1161		
ἐπαύριον	ὁ	Πέτρος,	ἐξῆλθεν	σὺν	αὐτῷ	καί	τινες
on the morrow	G3588	Peter	went away	with	him	and	certain
G1887		G4074	G1831	G4862	G846	G2532	G5100
τῶν	ἀδελφῶν	τῶν	ἀπὸ	τῆς	Ἰόππης	συνῆλθον	αὐτῷ
G3588	brethren	G3588	from	G3588	Joppa	accompanied	him
	G80		G575		G2445	G4905	G846

## Additional Cross-References

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**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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