

Acts 11:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, The Jerusalem church's immediate challenge to Peter demonstrates how revolutionary Gentile inclusion was, threatening established Jewish-Christian identity.

Historical Context

Circumcision party refers to Jewish Christians insisting Gentiles must adopt Jewish practices. Peter's Caesarea actions around 40 CE challenged core identity assumptions. Jerusalem church, still operating within Judaism, saw Gentile inclusion without conversion as threatening their Jewish identity and community standing. This conflict foreshadowed Acts 15 Jerusalem Council debate.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. Why did Jewish Christians resist Gentile inclusion without conversion requirements?

2. How do theological innovations naturally provoke controversy even when Spirit-led?
3. What role does accountability play when leaders make controversial decisions?
4. In what ways can religious identity obstruct gospel advancement?
5. How should churches balance maintaining identity with embracing God's new directions?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ὅτε ἀνέβη Πέτρος εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα διεκρίνοντο
And when was come up Peter to Jerusalem contended
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πρὸς αὐτὸν οἱ ἔκ περιτομῆς
with him G3588 they that were of the circumcision
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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.