

Acts 11:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul. The relief delivery through trusted representatives establishes accountability while advancing Saul's emerging apostolic ministry.

Historical Context

Sent it to elders indicates Jerusalem church's organizational structure beyond apostles. Barnabas (established bridge-figure) and Saul (former persecutor now missionary) carried funds, ensuring credibility. This visit around 46-48 CE provided Saul/Paul early interaction with Jerusalem leadership, building relationships crucial for later ministry. The relief offering demonstrated Gentile Christianity's legitimacy and generosity, countering prejudice against uncircumcised believers.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. Why does financial accountability matter in church life?
2. What role do trusted representatives play in maintaining unity?

3. How does generous giving validate theological claims?
4. In what ways did this visit advance Paul's apostolic preparation?
5. What does joint Jewish-Gentile Christian cooperation demonstrate about gospel's power?

Interlinear Text

ὁ	καὶ	ἐποίησαν	ἀποστείλαντες	πρὸς	τοὺς
Which	also	they did	and sent it	to	G3588
G3739	G2532	G4160	G649	G4314	
πρεσβυτέρους	διὰ	χειρὸς	Βαρναβᾶ	καὶ	Σαύλου
the elders	by	the hands	of Barnabas	also	Saul
G4245	G1223	G5495	G921	G2532	G4569

Additional Cross-References

Acts 12:25 (Parallel theme): And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

Acts 14:23 (Parallel theme): And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

Acts 16:4 (Parallel theme): And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

Acts 20:17 (Parallel theme): And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

Acts 15:6 (Parallel theme): And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

Acts 15:4 (Parallel theme): And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.

1 Timothy 5:17 (Parallel theme): Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

James 5:14 (Parallel theme): Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

Titus 1:5 (Parallel theme): For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

1 Peter 5:1 (Parallel theme): The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

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