

Acts 15:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

Analysis

Judas and Silas would 'tell you the same things by mouth' (literally 'by word of mouth'), confirming the written decree through personal testimony. This dual witness - written and oral - ensured clarity and prevented misinterpretation. The early church valued both inscripturated truth and personal exposition.

Historical Context

In an era of limited literacy and no printing press, oral communication complemented written documents. Living witnesses could answer questions and provide nuance that letters alone couldn't convey.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How do written Scripture and faithful preaching work together?
2. What role do reliable witnesses play in confirming gospel truth?
3. How should we balance written authority with personal testimony?

Interlinear Text

ἀπεστάλκαμεν οὖν Ἰούδαν καὶ Σιλᾶν καὶ αὐτά διὰ

We have sent therefore Judas also Silas also who by
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λόγου ἀπαγγέλλοντας τὰ αὐτά

mouth shall who
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 15:22 (Parallel theme): Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

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