

# Acts 15:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle:

## Analysis

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The delegation 'came to Antioch' and 'gathered the multitude together' to deliver the letter. This public reading ensured transparency and prevented selective interpretation. The 'multitude' hearing together fostered unity and corporate understanding of the council's decision.

## Historical Context

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Antioch's church, likely numbering in the hundreds, gathered to hear this pivotal decision. This public assembly became a model for how churches receive and respond to doctrinal statements.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. Why is corporate Scripture reading and teaching important?
2. How does gathering together strengthen the church's unity?
3. What role does transparency play in healthy church leadership?

## Interlinear Text

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Οἱ μὲν οὖν ἀπολυθέντες ἦλθον εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν  
G3588   **So**   G3767   **when they were dismissed**   **they came**   **to**   **Antioch**  
G3303   G630   G2064   G1519   G490

καὶ συναγαγόντες τὸ πλῆθος ἐπέδωκαν τὴν  
**and**   **together**   G3588   **the multitude**   **they delivered**   G3588  
G2532   G4863   G4128   G1929

ἐπιστολήν  
**the epistle**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 6:2** (Parallel theme): Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

**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.