

# Acts 15:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

The Jerusalem church, apostles, and elders received them warmly and heard their report of 'all things that God had done with them.' The passive construction emphasizes God as the primary actor in missions. This reception contrasts with the Judaizers' hostile reception, showing that official church leadership supported the Gentile mission.

## Historical Context

This formal reception before the Jerusalem church leadership (circa AD 49) included James (Jesus' half-brother), Peter, John, and other elders. Jerusalem remained the mother church and center of early Christianity.

## Related Passages

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

1. How should missionary reports emphasize God's work rather than human achievement?

2. What does this reception teach about proper relationships between church leaders?
3. How can churches today better receive and celebrate cross-cultural ministry reports?

## Interlinear Text

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παραγενόμενοι	δὲ	εἰς	Ἰερουσαλὴμ	ἀπεδέχθησαν	ὑπὸ	τῆς	
when they were come	And	to	Jerusalem	they were received	of	G3588	
G3854	G1161	G1519	G2419	G588	G5259		
ἐκκλησίας	καὶ	τῶν	ἀποστόλων	καὶ	τῶν	πρεσβυτέρων	
the church	and	G3588	of the apostles	and	G3588	elders	
G1577	G2532		G652	G2532		G4245	
ἀνήγγειλάν	τε	ὅσα	ό	θεὸς	ἐποίησεν	μετ'	αὐτῶν
they declared	and	all things	G3588	that God	had done	with	them
G312	G5037	G3745		G2316	G4160	G3326	G846

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 15:12** (References God): Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

**Acts 14:27** (References God): And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

**Acts 21:17** (References Jerusalem): And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

**Acts 15:3** (Parallel theme): And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.