

Acts 18:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Saying, This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law.

Analysis

The accusation - 'This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law' - sought Roman condemnation of Christianity as illegal religion. The charge attempted to distinguish Christianity from Judaism, which enjoyed legal protection.

Historical Context

Judaism was a *religio licita* (permitted religion) in Rome. If Christianity was seen as distinct from Judaism, it could be prosecuted as illegal superstition.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. Why did opponents try to sever Christianity from Judaism legally?
2. How did Christianity's relationship to Judaism affect its legal status?

Interlinear Text

λέγοντες	ὅτι	Παρὰ	τὸν	νόμον	οὗτος	ἀναπείθει	τοὺς
Saying	G3754	contrary	G3588	to the law	This	fellow persuadeth	G3588
	G3004			G3551	G3778		G374
ἀνθρώπους	σέβεσθαι	τὸν	θεόν				
men	to worship	G3588	God				
G444	G4576		G2316				

Additional Cross-References

Acts 25:8 (Word): While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all.

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