

# Acts 18:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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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

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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

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

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

## Study Questions

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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

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λέγοντες	ὅτι	Παρά	τὸν	νόμον	οὗτος	ἀναπείθει	τοὺς
<b>Saying</b> G3004	G3754	<b>contrary</b> G3844	G3588	<b>to the law</b> G3551	<b>This</b> G3778	<b>fellow persuadeth</b> G374	G3588
ἄνθρώπους	σέβεσθαι	τὸν	θεόν				
<b>men</b> G444	<b>to worship</b> G4576	G3588	<b>God</b> G2316				

## Additional Cross-References

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**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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