

# Acts 21:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**He declared particularly** (ἐξηγέομαι, *exēgéomai*)—Paul gave a detailed, systematic report, the same Greek word used of explaining Scripture. Crucially, he reported **what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry**—attributing all success to divine agency, not apostolic technique. The phrase 'by his ministry' (διὰ τῆς διακονίας αὐτοῦ, *dià tēs diakonías autoû*) positions Paul as God's servant-instrument, not the source. This exemplifies biblical leadership that deflects glory to God while faithfully reporting His works. Paul's focus on Gentile conversions prepared the Jerusalem leadership to understand God's larger purposes.

## Historical Context

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This formal report occurred before James and the Jerusalem elders around AD 57, roughly 25 years after the church's founding. Paul's third missionary journey had established numerous churches across Asia Minor and Greece, representing massive Gentile ingathering that challenged traditional Jewish Christian assumptions.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

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

## Study Questions

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1. How do you report ministry success in ways that highlight God's work rather than personal achievement?
2. What does Paul's detailed accounting to church leadership teach about apostolic accountability and ecclesial unity?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	ἀσπασάμενος	αὐτοῦ	ἐξηγεῖτο	καθ'	ἐν	ἕκαστον	
And	when he had saluted	his	he declared	particularly	G1520	G1538	
G2532	G782	G846	G1834	G2596			
ὧν	ἐποίησεν	ὁ	θεὸς	ἐν	τοῖς	ἔθνεσιν	διὰ τῆς
what things	had wrought	G3588	God	among	G3588	the Gentiles	by
G3739	G4160		G2316	G1722		G1484	G1223
διακονίας	αὐτοῦ						
ministry	his						
G1248	G846						

## Additional Cross-References

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**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 1:17** (Parallel theme): For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.