




Acts 11:19–26

- ▶ A repeated plan:
 - Preach the gospel
 - People respond to the gospel and are saved
 - The saved continue to be taught so that they can “continue with the Lord”
 - 2:42 – Apostles’ doctrine
 - ▶ Results accomplished in Antioch
 - 11:26 – taught considerable numbers
 - 11:29 – devotion to helping needy saints
 - 13:1–3; 15:35 – Antioch came to have a number of teachers and preachers
 - Preachers went out from here to other regions – beginning point for all 3 of Paul’s journeys
 - ▶ What is happening? 2 Timothy 2:2
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Acts 11:26

- ▶ “And the disciples were first **called Christians** in Antioch”
 - Called: NT 9X; (#5537) – a divine calling
- ▶ **Christians**
 - Follower or disciple of Christ
 - NT 3X:
 - Acts 26:28 (King Agrippa to Paul)
 - 1 Peter 4:16
 - A person
 - Not an adjective describing a school, a nation, a radio station, a talk show, a genre of music, or even a family




Acts 11:27–30

- ▶ A famine: secular history, per Josephus: famine during reign of Cuspius Fadus and Tiberius Alexander
 - Fadus was Herod's successor
 - Josephus speaks of Fadus buying corn from Egypt to relieve Jews in Judea
 - Herod died 44 AD
 - If secular history is correct, then we would have the events of 11:27–30 (the famine) occurring after 12:1–23 (Herod's death)



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- ▶ Relief from saints for saints
 - “relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea” (v.29)
 - Consistent with pattern seen so far in Acts
 - Acts 2, 4, 6
 - ▶ Will not find in New Testament: the church providing relief for unbelievers
 - Does not deny the truth of James 1:27 regarding individual action
 - ▶ No sponsoring church here (Jerusalem they say)
 - Churches of Judea:
 - Acts 9:31, 32, 36
 - Gal 1:22/Acts 9:30 (this was prior to Acts 11)
 - ▶ A temporary arrangement specific to a need
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- ▶ The church relieving needy saints:
 - Acts 2:44–45
 - Acts 4:34–35
 - Acts 6:1–4
 - Romans 15:25–31
 - 1 Corinthians 16:1–3
 - 2 Corinthians 8:1–14
 - 2 Corinthians 9:1–14
 - 1 Timothy 5:16

