

Did Jesus Overturn the Kosher Laws?

The Real Issue

“Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with common (unpurified) hands?” (Mark 7:5)

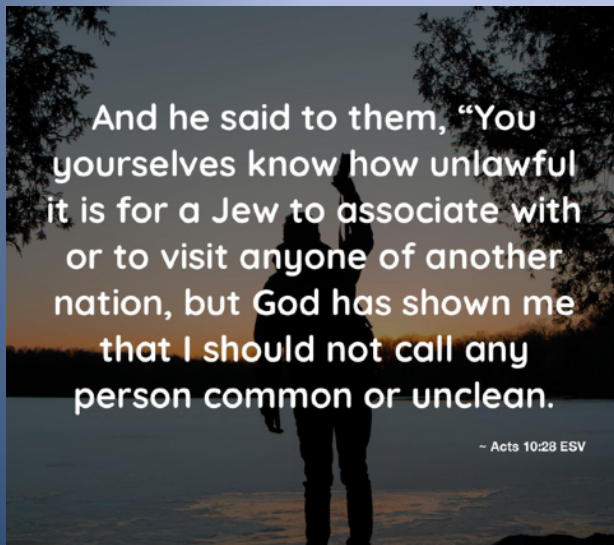
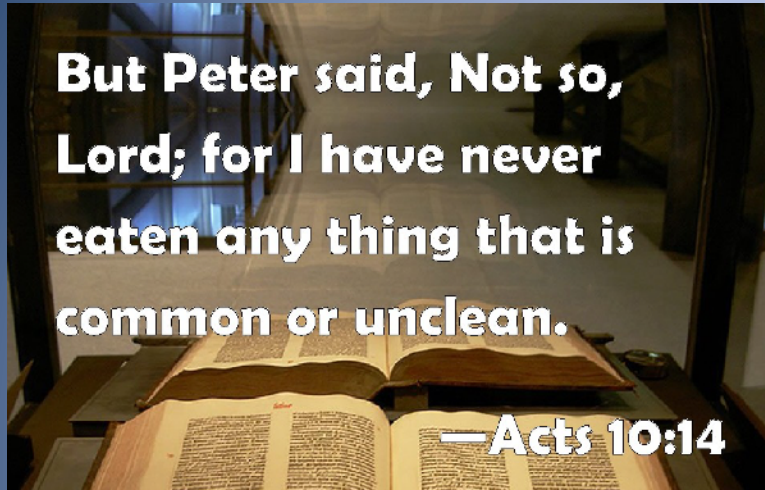
“To eat with unwashed hands does not make a person common” (Matt. 15:20)

A Questionable Interpretation

“Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught [sewer], purging all meats [food].” KJV

“For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.) NIV
(Mark 7:19)

Did the early Christians keep Kosher?



Gentiles should abstain from:

- * food sacrificed to idols
- * blood
- * meat of strangled animals
- * sexual immorality

"You will do well to avoid these things. Farewell."

Acts 15: 29