

THE FIRST CALLED "CHRISTIANS" LIE

Acts 11:26 *"and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it came about that for an entire year they met with the church, and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called **Christians** in Antioch.(NAS)"*



Strong's Greek #5546 "christianos", from #5547 an epithet: 1) an adjective or descriptive phrase expressing a quality characteristic of the person or thing mentioned: *old men are often unfairly awarded the epithet "dirty."* 2) an epithet as **a term of abuse**: the woman begins to hurl racial epithets at them (blasphemous term used to describe someone or something).

Paul and Barnabas were called the Greek word "cristanium", "christianos", "christs", a word that had been around for over a thousand years. It was used to describe all those who worshipped the pagan god Helios who represented the sun. Helios was especially known because of his statue at Rhodes, where each year gymnastic games were held in his name. You cannot take a word that was used to describe Helios worshippers and change it to mean something else.

When you look in the CJB you will find christanos/christos properly translated from a Hebrew perspective. **Acts 11:26** *and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. They met with the congregation there for a whole year and taught a sizeable crowd. Also it was in Antioch that the talmidim for the first time were called "**Messianic.**" (CJB)*
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