

# Acts 18:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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'Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat.' Mob violence turned on the accusers. Sosthenes may later have converted (1 Corinthians 1:1). 'Gallio cared for none of those things' - Roman indifference to Jewish internal affairs.

## Historical Context

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Sosthenes apparently succeeded Crispus as synagogue ruler. If he is the same Sosthenes Paul later calls 'brother' (1 Corinthians 1:1), this beating may have contributed to his eventual conversion.

## Related Passages

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

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

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does God sometimes use opposition's failure to advance His purposes?
2. What might have changed Sosthenes from persecutor to brother in Christ?

## Interlinear Text

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ἐπιλαβόμενοι	δὲ	πάντες	οἱ	Ἕλληνες	Σωσθένην	τὸν
<b>took</b> G1949	<b>Then</b> G1161	<b>all</b> G3956	G3588	<b>the Greeks</b> G1672	<b>Sosthenes</b> G4988	G3588
ἀρχισυνάγωγον	ἔτυπον	ἔμπροσθεν	τοῦ	βήματος·		
<b>the chief ruler of the synagogue</b> G752	<b>and beat</b> G5180	<b>him before</b> G1715	G3588	<b>the judgment seat</b> G968		
καὶ	οὐδὲν	τούτων	τῷ	Γαλλίῳ	ἔμελεν	
<b>And</b> G2532	<b>for none</b> G3762	<b>of those things</b> G5130	G3588	<b>Gallio</b> G1058	<b>cared</b> G3199	

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Corinthians 1:1** (Parallel theme): Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,