

Acts 21:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him,

Analysis

The 'Jews which were of Asia' recognized Paul in the temple and stirred up opposition, demonstrating how his Ephesian ministry (Acts 19) had created lasting enemies. Their accusations would prove false but inflammatory, showing how effective ministry often generates intense opposition. God's sovereignty allowed this arrest to fulfill His purpose of bringing Paul to Rome.

Historical Context

These Asian Jews likely came for Pentecost celebrations, seven weeks after Paul's arrival in Jerusalem. Their presence in Jerusalem for the feast created the perfect opportunity for accusations and mob action.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How do you respond when faithful ministry generates opposition and false accusations?

2. What does this teach about God's sovereignty in using even hostile opposition to accomplish His purposes?

Interlinear Text

Ὡς	δὲ	ἔμελλον	αἱ	ἐπτά	ἡμέραι	συντελεῖσθαι	οἱ
when	And	were almost	G3588	the seven	days	ended	G3588
G5613	G1161	G3195		G2033	G2250	G4931	
ἀπὸ	τῆς	Ἀσίας	Ἰουδαῖοι	θεασάμενοι	αὐτὸν	ἐν	τῷ
which were of	G3588	Asia	the Jews	when they saw	him	in	G3588
G575		G773	G2453	G2300	G846	G1722	
ἱερῷ	συνέχεον	πάντα	τὸν	ὄχλον	καὶ	ἐπέβαλον	τὰς
the temple	stirred up	all	G3588	the people	and	laid	G3588
G2411	G4797	G3956		G3793	G2532	G1911	
χεῖρας	ἐπ'	αὐτὸν					
hands	on	him					
G5495	G1909	G846					

Additional Cross-References

Acts 24:18 (Temple): Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult.

Acts 26:21 (Temple): For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.

Acts 13:50 (Parallel theme): But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.