

# Acts 21:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

(For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

## Analysis

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The accusation about Trophimus, an Ephesian Gentile, proved baseless - they had 'supposed' Paul brought him into the temple based on seeing them together in the city. This demonstrates how assumptions and prejudice fuel false accusations. The tragedy was that violence erupted based on supposition rather than evidence, yet God used even this injustice to advance His purposes.

## Historical Context

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Trophimus, mentioned in 2 Timothy 4:20, was one of Paul's Gentile ministry companions. The accusers' recognition of him suggests Paul's Ephesian ministry had made his Gentile associates well-known to Asian Jews.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How can you avoid making accusations based on assumptions rather than evidence?

2. What does this teach about how mob mentality can override reason and due process?

## Interlinear Text

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ἦσαν	γὰρ	προεωρακότες	Τρόφιμον	τὸν	Ἐφέσιον	ἐν	τῇ	
<b>they had</b>	<b>(For</b>	<b>seen before</b>	<b>Trophimus</b>	G3588	<b>an Ephesian</b>	<b>in</b>	G3588	
G2258	G1063	G4308	G5161		G2180	G1722		
πόλει	σὺν	αὐτῷ	ὃν	ἐνόμιζον	ὅτι	εἰς	τὸ	ἱερὸν
<b>the city</b>	<b>with</b>	<b>him</b>	<b>whom</b>	<b>they supposed</b>	<b>that</b>	<b>into</b>	G3588	<b>the temple</b>
G4172	G4862	G846	G3739	G3543	G3754	G1519		G2411
εἰσήγαγεν	ὁ	Παῦλος						
<b>had brought</b>	G3588	<b>Paul</b>						
G1521		G3972						

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 20:4** (Parallel theme): And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.