

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

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

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

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

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

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

Additional Cross-References

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.