

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

Psalm 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

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they had (For seen before Trophimus G3588 an Ephesian in G3588
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πόλει σὺν αὐτῷ ὃν ἐνόμιζον ὅτι εἰς τὸ ιερὸν
the city with him whom they supposed that into G3588 the temple
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εἰσήγαγεν ὁ Παῦλος
had brought G3588 Paul
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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.

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