

Acts 21:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him.

Analysis

The cry 'Away with him' (Greek 'Aire auton') echoed the mob's demand for Jesus's crucifixion (Luke 23:18, John 19:15), showing Paul's identification with his Savior's sufferings. The violent mob mentality that condemned the sinless Son of God now sought the life of His faithful apostle, demonstrating the continuity of opposition to God's truth across generations.

Historical Context

This cry represented the formal demand for execution in Roman judicial proceedings. The crowd's use of this specific phrase reveals their intent wasn't merely to punish but to kill Paul.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does experiencing opposition similar to Christ's help you identify with His sufferings?

2. What comfort comes from knowing your persecution connects you to the larger story of opposition to God's truth?

Interlinear Text

ἠκολούθει	γὰρ	τὸ	πλῆθος	τοῦ	λαοῦ	κράζον	Αἶρε
followed after	For	G3588	the multitude	G3588	of the people	crying	Away
G190	G1063		G4128		G2992	G2896	G142
αὐτόν							
with him							
G846							

Additional Cross-References

John 19:15 (Parallel theme): But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.

Acts 22:22 (Parallel theme): And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.

Luke 23:18 (Parallel theme): And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas:

Acts 7:54 (Parallel theme): When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

1 Corinthians 4:13 (Parallel theme): Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.