

# Acts 24:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult.

## Analysis

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Paul's account of being found in the temple 'purified, neither with multitude, nor with tumult' directly contradicts accusations of profaning the temple or causing sedition. The detail that 'certain Jews from Asia' instigated trouble points to the real troublemakers. Paul's peaceful temple presence for legitimate religious purposes demolishes the prosecution's case.

## Historical Context

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The purification ritual Paul was completing demonstrated his respect for Jewish law. The Asian Jews who stirred up the mob were Paul's real accusers, yet Tertullus conspicuously avoided mentioning them or producing them as witnesses.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How do you respond when peaceful, lawful activity is deliberately misrepresented as criminal or disruptive?

2. What does this teach about how the real troublemakers often accuse innocent victims of their own misconduct?

## Interlinear Text

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ἐν	οἷς	εὗρόν	με	ἡγνισμένον	ἐν	τῷ	ἱερῷ	
Whereupon	G3739	found	me	purified	Whereupon	G3588	the temple	
G1722		G2147	G3165	G48	G1722		G2411	
οὐ	μετὰ	ὄχλου	οὐδὲ	μετὰ	θορύβου	τινές	δέ	ἀπό
neither	with	multitude	nor	with	tumult	certain	G1161	from
G3756	G3326	G3793	G3761	G3326	G2351	G5100		G575
τῆς	Ἀσίας	Ἰουδαῖοί						
G3588	Asia	Jews						
	G773	G2453						

## Additional Cross-References

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