

Acts 24:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law.

Analysis

The accusation that Paul 'went about to profane the temple' was the most serious from a Jewish perspective but also carried Roman weight since Rome protected religious sanctuaries. Though completely false (Paul was purifying himself, Acts 21:26), this charge could incite both Jewish and Roman concern. The claim they wanted to judge Paul by Jewish law falsely portrays themselves as reasonable arbiters interrupted by Roman interference.

Historical Context

Roman policy generally protected provincial religious institutions, particularly Jewish temple practices. Tertullus's claim that they sought to judge Paul legally was false - they had formed a murder conspiracy (Acts 23:12-15).

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How do you respond when accusers claim to represent justice while actually seeking your destruction?

2. What does this teach about how false accusations often contain just enough truth to seem plausible?

Interlinear Text

ὅν καὶ τὸ ἱερὸν ἐπείρασεν βεβηλῶσαι ὅν καὶ^{G3739}
Who **also** ^{G3588} **the temple** **hath gone about** **to profane** **Who** **also**
G2532 G2411 G3985 G953 G3739 G2532

ἐκρατήσαμεν καὶ κατά τόν ἡμέτερον νόμον
we took **also** **according** ^{G3588} **to our** **law**
G2902 G2532 G2596 G2251 G3551

ἡθελήσαμεν κρίνειν
would **have judged**
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