

# 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

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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

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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

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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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

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ὃν	καὶ	τὸ	ἱερὸν	ἐπείρασεν	βεβηλῶσαι	ὃν	καὶ
Who	also	G3588	the temple	hath gone about	to profane	Who	also
G3739	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	
ἠθελήσαμεν	κρίνειν						
would	have judged						
G2309	G2919						

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