

Acts 4:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

Analysis

The assembly of 'Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest' represents Judaism's most powerful tribunal. Annas, though deposed by Rome, retained 'high priest' title and real power as patriarch of the priestly dynasty. His son-in-law Caiaphas held official position. This concentration of power confronting uneducated fishermen demonstrates David versus Goliath pattern - God exalts the humble.

Historical Context

Annas served as high priest AD 6-15 before Roman deposition. Five sons and son-in-law Caiaphas subsequently held the office, making him the power behind multiple administrations. This was the same council that condemned Jesus (John 18:13), now facing His followers. Their family monopolized the lucrative temple commerce Jesus had disrupted.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does worldly power's concentration oppose God's kingdom, yet ultimately serve His purposes?
2. What comfort does Christ's followers facing the same council that condemned Him offer when you face hostile authority?

Interlinear Text

καὶ Ἄνναν τὸν ἀρχιερέα καὶ Καϊάφαν, καὶ Ἰωάννην

And Annas G3588 the high priest And Caiaphas And John
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καὶ Ἀλέξανδρον καὶ ὅσοι ἦσαν ἐκ γένους

And Alexander And as many as were of the kindred
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of the high priest

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Additional Cross-References

Luke 3:2 (References John): Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

Matthew 26:3 (Parallel theme): Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,

John 18:24 (Parallel theme): Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.