

Acts 6:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council,

Analysis

'They stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes' - previously the people favored the apostles (Acts 2:47, 5:26). Now mob manipulation turned public opinion. Stephen was 'caught' and brought to the council - violence replacing due process.

Historical Context

The shift in public sentiment shows how quickly crowds can turn. The Sanhedrin, which had been cautious due to popular support for apostles, now found an opportunity through false accusation.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How can public opinion shift quickly against God's servants?
2. What does this teach about trusting popular approval versus divine approval?

Interlinear Text

συνεκίνησαν τε τὸν λαὸν καὶ τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους
they stirred up **And** ^{G3588} **the people** **and** ^{G3588} **the elders**
G4787 G5037 G2992 G2532 G4245

καὶ τοὺς γραμματεῖς καὶ ἐπιστάντες συνήρπασαν αὐτὸν
and ^{G3588} **the scribes** **and** **came upon** **him and caught** **him**
G2532 G1122 G2532 G2186 G4884 G846

καὶ ἤγαγον εἰς τὸ συνέδριον
and **brought** **him to** ^{G3588} **the council**
G2532 G71 G1519 G4892

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 15:18 (Parallel theme): A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

Acts 14:2 (Parallel theme): But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.