

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

συνεκίνησάν τε τὸν λαὸν καὶ τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους

they stirred up And G3588 the people and G3588 the elders

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καὶ τοὺς γραμματεῖς καὶ ἐπιστάντες συνήρπασαν αὐτὸν

and G3588 the scribes and came upon him and caught him

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καὶ ἤγαγον εἰς τὸ συνέδριον

and brought him to the council

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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.