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The Riot in Ephesus

Acts 19:21-41

I. The Cause of the Riot by Demetrius (vv. 23-27)

- A. The fear of loosing _____ (vv. 23-25)
[Jn. 14:6; 1 Cor. 15:32; Mk. 8:35-37]
- B. The fear of loosing a _____ religion (v. 26)
[Acts 17:24-25; Isa. 44:9-20; 1 Cor. 8:4-6]
- C. The fear of loosing the _____ of Artemis (v. 27)
[1 Tim. 6:10; Matt. 6:24]

II. The Chaos of the Riot by the Ephesians (vv. 28-34)

- A. The _____ of the mob (v. 28)
[Acts 7:54; Prov. 14:29; 29:11; Eccl. 7:9]

B. The _____ of the mob (vv. 29-32)
[Acts 20:4, 24; 27:2; Acts 9:25, 30; 17:10, 14; Matt. 7:6]

C. The _____ of the mob (vv. 33-34)
[Jn. 19:15; Matt. 27:21-26]

III. The Closure of the Riot by the Town Clerk (vv. 35-41)

- A. There is no reason to _____ (vv. 35-36)
[1 Cor. 8:4-6; Rom. 1:18-20]
- B. There is no reason to _____ these men (v. 37)
[Jn. 12:32; 1 Cor. 2:2]
- C. There is no reason to _____ the situation illegally (vv. 38-39)
[Rom. 13:1-5]
- D. There is no reason to _____ *Pax Romana* (vv. 40-41)
[1 Pet. 2:13-17]

TAKE HOME

- Do you believe that it is true that all who desire to live for Christ will be ***persecuted?***
- How will God use persecution in your life to ***grow*** you and build your confidence in Him?
- Do you spend more time ***exalting*** Christ than bashing other religions?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read Acts 19:21-25. What was Demetrius afraid of? Have you ever been afraid that if you honored the Lord in your business endeavors, you might make less money? What decision did you make? How did it affect your income? (1 Tim. 6:10; Matt. 6:24)

2. Read Acts 19:26. Is there only one God or are there many gods? How did Demetrius feel about Paul’s message? How do you think people would respond to Paul’s message today? (Acts 17:24-25; Isa. 44:9-20; 1 Cor. 8:4-6)

3. Read Acts 19:28-34. What did you think about Paul’s desire to address the crowd? What would you have done? Is it sometimes wiser not to speak? (Acts 20:4, 24; 27:2; Acts 9:25, 30; 17:10, 14; Matt. 7:6)

4. Read Acts 19:35-36. What is this town clerk convinced of? How does this remind you of people today? How can we convince them otherwise? (1 Cor. 8:4-6; Rom. 1:18-20)

5. Read Acts 19:37-39. Why didn’t Paul’s assistants become sacrilegious or blaspheme their goddess? What can we learn from this? (Jn. 12:32; 1 Cor. 2:2)

6. Read Acts 19:40-41. How did God use this non-believer to accomplish His will? How does God use nonbelievers today in your life to accomplish His sovereign plans? (Rom. 8:28-29)

7. Which take home question encourages you or challenges you the most? Why? How will your live differently this week based on what you learned from this passage?

“Paul was eager to defend the gospel, ready to take on his opponents. But the Christians did not let him.”

- *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*