



BIBLE STUDY

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2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The Book of Acts

“Can I Get A Witness-The Gospel To The Ends Of The Earth”

Acts 19:32-41 Part 2

The Riot in Ephesus

Confusion In the Mob

NIRV 32The crowd didn't know what was going on. Some were shouting one thing and some another. Most of the people didn't even know why they were there.

NLT 32Inside, the people were all shouting, some one thing and some another. Everything was in confusion. In fact, most of them didn't even know why they were there.

There was so much confusion that the people were shouting different things and most of them did not even know why they were there, they were just following the crowd without seeking truth or understanding.

Crowd Pushed Alexander

NIRV: 33The Jews in the crowd pushed Alexander to the front. They tried to tell him what to say. But he motioned for them to be quiet. He was about to give the people reasons for his actions.

Now the fact that he was put forward by the Jews indicates, probably, that they were anxious to guard against the suspicion that they were at all identified with Paul or his companions.

NIRV: 34But then they realized that he was a Jew. So they all shouted the same thing for about two hours. “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” they yelled.

Clerk Communicate to the Crowd

NIRV: 35The city clerk quieted the crowd down. “People of Ephesus!” he said. “The city of Ephesus guards the temple of the great Artemis. The whole world knows this. They know that Ephesus guards her statue, which fell from heaven.

Clerk or mayor (NLT) The Greek word is the same as a “scribe”. He was the keeper of the records and archives of the city.

KJV Worshipper-The word means "temple-sweeper"; "temple-guardian."

NIRV: 36These facts can't be questioned. So calm down. Don't do anything foolish.

NIRV:37 These men haven't robbed any temples. They haven't said evil things against our female god. But you have brought them here anyhow.

NIRV: 38 Demetrius and the other skilled workers may feel they have been wronged by someone. Let them bring charges. The courts are open. We have our governors. 39 Is there anything else you want to bring up? Settle it in a court of law.

NIRV: 40 As it is, we are in danger of being charged with a crime. We could be charged with causing all this trouble today. There is no reason for it. So we wouldn't be able to explain what has happened." 41 After he said this, he sent the people away.

There was a Roman law which made it capital for anyone to be engaged in promoting a riot. "He who raises a mob, let him be punished with death."