

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 39

NO SMALL DISTURBANCE

What We Should Expect When the Word of the Lord Prevails

(Acts 19:21-41)

INTRODUCTION:

"So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing."

—Acts 19:20

1A. PAUL'S _____ BEYOND EPHEBUS: (v. 21-22)

"Now after these things were finished, Paul purposed in the Spirit to go to Jerusalem after he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, saying, 'After I have been there, I must also see Rome.'²² And having sent into Macedonia two of those who ministered to him, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while."

2A. PAUL'S _____ IN EPHEBUS: (v. 23-41)

"About that time there occurred no small disturbance concerning the Way..."

—Acts 19:23

1B. The Four _____ that _____ the Confusion: (v. 23-28)

- Meet the _____ Leader who _____ it.

"For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith,...said,... this Paul has persuaded and turned away a considerable number of people..."

1C. Paul is threatening our _____.

"Men, you know that our prosperity depends upon this business..." (v. 25b)

2C. Paul is threatening our _____.

"...saying that gods made with hands are no gods at all...." (v. 26b)

3C. Paul is threatening our _____.

"...Not only is there danger that this trade of ours fall into disrepute..." (v. 27a)

4C. Paul is threatening our _____.

"...but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis be regarded as worthless, and that she whom all of Asia and the world worship will even be dethroned from her magnificence." (v. 27b)

2B. The Four _____ that _____ the Confusion: (v. 29-34)

- Meet the _____ Leader who _____ it.

1C. An _____ in the _____ of the Crowd

"The city was filled with the confusion..." (v. 29a)

2C. A _____ in the _____ of the Crowd

"...and they rushed with one accord into the theater..." (v. 29b)

3C. A _____ in the _____ of the Crowd

"... and the majority did not know for what reason they had come together." (v. 32)

4C. An _____ in the _____ of the Crowd

"...Alexander was intending to make a defense to the assembly..." (v. 33, 34)

3B. The Four _____ that _____ the Confusion: (v. 35-41)

- Meet the _____ Leader who _____ it.

"After quieting the crowd, the town clerk said,... since these are undeniable facts, you ought to keep calm and to do nothing rash. (v. 35a, 36)

1C. We haven't _____ Artemis.

"What man is there after all who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is guardian of the temple of the great Artemis..." (v. 35b)

2C. These men haven't _____ Artemis!

"For you have brought these men here who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of our goddess." (v. 37)

3C. There are legal _____ for handling grievances.

"...the courts are in session and proconsuls are available..." (v. 38, 39)

4C. We could be _____ of insurrection.

"...we are in danger of being accused of a riot..." (v. 40)

OBSERVATIONS REGARDING PREACHING THE GOSPEL:

1. Preaching the gospel **will** _____ bring us into **conflict** with an **idolatrous** culture, and **may** _____ result in _____ as well as _____. And while, like Paul, we should be _____ by the idolatry around us, we shouldn't be _____ by or _____ with the idolatry around us. For we _____ Christ.

2. Paul preached the Gospel concerning the Person and Work of Jesus Christ as he did —arguing **logically, Scripturally, historically and evidentially**— in order to _____ men of the _____ of the gospel, so that and in hope that the Holy Spirit would then _____ them of their _____ of the gospel and ultimately _____ them by the _____ of the gospel.



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When good seed finds good soil lives change.

Grow. Give. Go.