

### Mob Confusion

#### Acts 19:32-33 (NASB)

So then, some were shouting one thing and some another, for the assembly was in confusion and the majority did not know for what reason they had come together. Some of the crowd concluded it was Alexander, since the Jews had put him forward; and having motioned with his hand, Alexander was intending to make a defense to the assembly.

- Luke gives no biographical details about Alexander

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### Zeal for a Pagan Deity

#### Acts 19:34-35 (NASB)

But when they recognized that he was a Jew, a single outcry arose from them all as they shouted for about two hours, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" After quieting the crowd, the town clerk said, "Men of Ephesus, 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 and of the image which fell down from heaven?"

- The Jewish Alexander did not present a case
- The Christians did not present a case

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### The Civil Authority Steps In

#### Acts 19:36-38 (NASB)

"So, since these are undeniable facts, you ought to keep calm and to do nothing rash. For you have brought these men here who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of our goddess. So then, if Demetrius and the craftsmen who are with him have a complaint against any man, the courts are in session and proconsuls are available; let them bring charges against one another."

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### The Town Clerk Did His Job

#### Acts 19:39-41 (NASB)

"But if you want anything beyond this, it shall be settled in the lawful assembly. For indeed we are in danger of being accused of a riot in connection with today's events, since there is no real cause for it, and in this connection we will be unable to account for this disorderly gathering." After saying this he dismissed the assembly.

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### Paul Exhorts Disciples

#### Acts 20:1-2 (NASB)

After the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and when he had exhorted them and taken his leave of them, he left to go to Macedonia. When he had gone through those districts and had given them much exhortation, he came to Greece.

- The theme is *parakaleo*, which means 'comfort, encourage, exhort, admonish, aid'
- Paul brought help and encouragement to previously established churches

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### Another Plot Against Paul

#### Acts 20:3-4 (NASB)

And there he spent three months, and when a plot was formed against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia. And he was accompanied by Sopater of Berea, the son of Pyrrhus, and by Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia.

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