



Satan doing what Satan does

Acts 19:23-41

Review:

In Jerusalem (Acts 4-12) Peter and John are _____ (Jealousy and Greed)
Ananias and Sapphira _____ to the Holy Spirit
Stephen is _____
Peter and James are _____ by Herod
James is _____ while in custody

In Cyprus Saul and Barnabas had to debate a _____
In Pisidian Rather than believe, the Jewish leaders got _____
In Lystra Saul and Barnabas were ***mistaken for the false gods*** Zeus and Hermes
In Philippi The owners of a fortune teller got Paul and Silas _____
 and _____
In Thessalonica A mob forced Paul and Silas to _____ away at night
In Berea Paul and Silas had to be _____ out of town for their
 own safety
In Corinth False _____ accusations were made against Paul and Silas
In Ephesus We will again see a riot, this time fueled by _____ greed

1. This is all _____ at work.
2. This is all a _____ to God reaching out with the message of salvation.
3. This is a _____ that we should expect to continue in 2022 and beyond.
4. *And in all of it ... The church _____, people got _____, Leaders _____, and God _____.*

Context: In Ephesus (Acts 19:10), “all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia (Asia Minor) heard the word of the Lord”

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Don't miss this:

1. Demetrius' beef with Christianity was that it cut into his _____ success.
2. His _____ beef with Christianity was **upholding the reputation** of silversmiths, that the **temple would be discredited**, and that **Artemis herself would be toppled as a Goddess** (vs 27).

All because Paul taught that "gods made of human hands are not god's at all" (vs 26) _____ the people believed him.

3. Demetrius' true motivation was _____ by statements that sounded much more noble, than simply saying that I want to continue raking in the money.
4. Much of the riotous crowd were simply caught up in the moment and engaging in an _____ response – unaware of any truth or context.
5. God once again used a government official to stop the riot (vs 35-41), but his motivation was not spiritual – it was _____-preservation.

It takes very little imagination to see these same motivations and tactics at work today.

- a. *demonstrations and violence in _____ to Roe being overturned.*
- b. *abortion industry trying to sound pious and noble when it's really about protecting their **money making** industry and _____ lifestyle.*
- c. *so many people, when asked point blank, have _____ what they are really protesting against or demonstrating for.*

Paul's Response: Acts 20:1

1. He _____ God make a way of escape. (After wise council and advice - vs 30)
2. He **continued on** serving, preaching, and evangelizing as if nothing had happened.

Application:

Even though Satan is going to do what Satan does, God will also do what God does, so that you can keep doing what God has called you to do. So _____.