

Beware of an Angry Mob—Part 1

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Few things can infuriate you more than watching an angry mob seeking to bully a person or a neighborhood. Recently, I have watched a collection of angry mobs seeking to bully a nation.

- Some of the mob members were individuals who displayed a lack of self-control due to overwhelming anger.
- Others of the mob members were individuals who displayed hatred because of an accumulation of abuse (whether perceived or real).
- And yet others were anarchists who looked for opportunities to commit actions of misery and destruction.

Remembered previous studies

The reports of the mob behavior reminded me of two previous Bible studies that I had done in 2017. At a particular church service on Nov. 4, 2017, I had the opportunity to give two presentations at our church service—“Beware of the Angry Mob—Part 1” and “Beware of the Angry Mob—Part 2.”

The first presentation dealt with the angry mobs against the Son of God, and the second presentation dealt with the angry mobs against Stephen and Paul.

Against Son of God

Let’s look at some examples where the angry mobs tormented the Son of God.

Luke 4:28-30—“So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.”

John 5:18—“Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.”

John 8:59—“Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.”

John 10:31—“Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.”

John 10:39-40—“Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand. And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed.”

John 11:49-53—“And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, ‘You know nothing at all, nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish.’ Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad. Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death.”

Matthew 26:47—“And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.”

Matthew 26:59—“Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death.”

Matthew 27:20-23—“But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said to them, ‘Which of the two do you want me to release to you?’ They said, ‘Barabbas!’ Pilate said to them, ‘What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?’ They all said to him, ‘Let Him be crucified!’ Then the governor said, ‘Why, what evil has He done?’ But they cried out all the more, saying, ‘Let Him be crucified!’ ”