

God's Kingdom Prevails in Ephesus Acts 19:11-20

Keywords and Phrases*

Exorcists (v. 13)
Evil spirits (vv. 12, 13, 15, 16)
Extraordinary miracles (v. 11)
God (v. 11)
Greeks (v. 17)
Jesus (vv. 13, 17)
Jewish, Jews (vv. 13, 14, 17)
Magic arts (v. 19)
Word of the Lord (v. 20)

*Keywords may vary depending on Bible translation

Critical Thinking Questions

1. How do the occurrences in Acts 8:9-25 and 13:4-12 contribute to our comprehension of the events described in Acts 19:11- 20?
2. How do the miracles in Acts 19:11-20 echo the miracles performed by Jesus and the Apostles (see Mark 5:27-34; 6:53-56; Luke 6:17-19; Acts 5:12-16)?
3. What does Luke communicate to his audience by not attributing the actions in this passage directly to Paul?
4. What importance does Luke place on noting that the individuals unrecognized by the evil spirits were Jewish in Acts 19:13-14?
5. What is the overall message of this passage as it pertains to the Word of the Lord and the kingdom of Satan (compare Luke 10:17-20)?

Analyzing the Scripture

God

- performed extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul (v. 11).

The Sons of Sceva

- attempted to cast out evil spirits (vv. 13-14).
- were attacked by the man with an evil spirit (v. 16).

The Residents of Ephesus

- heard about the failed exorcism (v. 17).
- were fearful, both Jews and Greeks (v. 17).
- many became believers, confessing their practice of magic (v. 18).
- burned their magic art books (v. 19).

The Lord Jesus

- was extolled (v. 17).

The Word of the Lord

- increased and prevailed mightily (v. 20).

Reflection Question

How has the word of the Lord prevailed mightily in your life?

"And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled."

(Acts 19:17 ESV)