

## "A RIOT IN EPHESUS"

1. In your experience, is the *pen* (rational discourse, judicial review, preaching) mightier than the *sword* (mob looting, stongarm politics, police tactics)? Why?  

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2. Why would Demetrius rally people against Paul (vv.25-27; see 17:24-29)? Since this temple was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, what businesses would Paul be affecting?  

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3. Role play a TV interviewer in the crowd (vv.32-34). What do they see and hear? Why are they there?  

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4. Why are the Jews trying to get a speaker to represent them? Why would he be shouted down?  

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5. How do the concerns of the city clerk and Demetrius compare?  

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6. Success, money, and independence are some cultural "idols" (values most people accept without question). What others come to mind? How has your faith affected your relationship to these idols?  

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7. Could Demetrius have become a Christian and kept his business? Can you think of situations today where someone in a "respectable" trade would be forced to choose between that trade and Christ? What pressures would that cause?  

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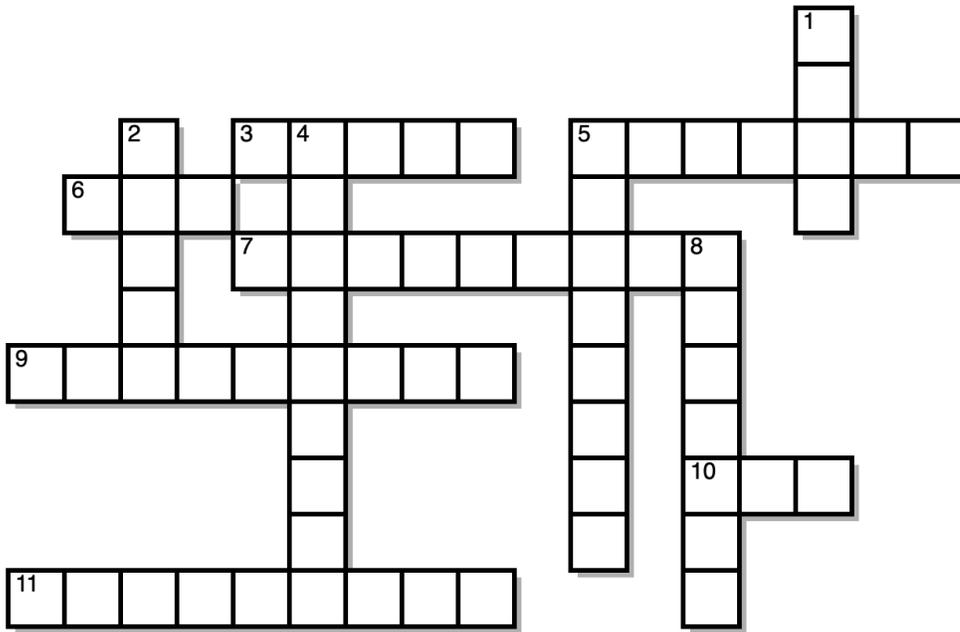
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8. Where have you seen religious and patriotic loyalties used as a cover for economic concerns? What does it mean to follow Jesus at these times?  

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9. What began as Artemis-worship became Artemis-business. How can Christians fall into the same trap and make Jesus-worship into Jesus-business?  

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**Across**

- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ and Aristarchus were dragged into the theater by the mob.
- 5 This is the Greek name for the goddess of the Ephesians.
- 6 Christianity was called "the \_\_\_\_\_" at this point in history.
- 7 The image that fell from heaven probably was actually a \_\_\_\_\_, which was likely kept in the crown of the statue of the goddess.
- 9 Paul was seeking to gather an offering for the church in this city.
- 10 The crowd chanted "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" for this many hours.
- 11 This man was a silversmith who instigated a riot against the Christians.

**Down**

- 1 What city do we find Paul setting his sights on?
- 2 "city clerk" is equivalent to our modern word "\_\_\_\_\_".
- 4 The Jews put forth this man to make a defense.
- 5 These officials warned Paul not to come into the amphitheater.
- 8 Paul sends ahead of him into Macedonia Timothy and \_\_\_\_\_.

**WORD SEARCH:**

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| Ephesus    | Mob          |
| Diana      | Rage         |
| Paul       | Aristarchus  |
| Timothy    | Disciples    |
| Asia       | Amphitheater |
| Business   | Shouting     |
| Craftsmen  | Confusion    |
| Prosperity | Defense      |
| Crowd      | Blasphemers  |
| goddess    | Courts       |
| Disrepute  | Proconsuls   |
| Temple     | Lawful       |

