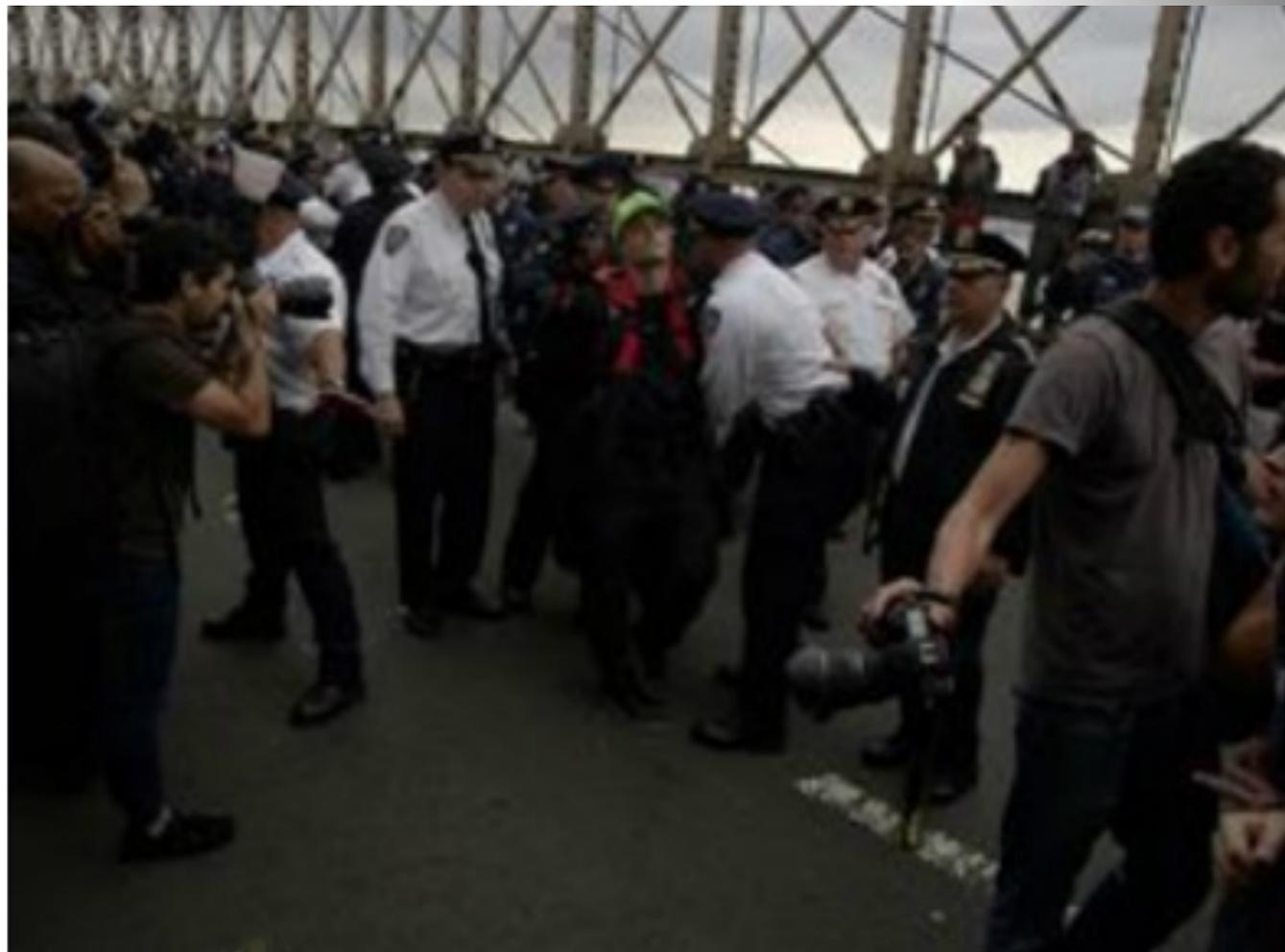


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“Occupying the Street” and “March on Christians”

Acts 17:1 - 17

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, **they came to Thessalonica**, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. **2** Then **Paul**, **as his custom was**, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures **3** explaining and demonstrating that the **Christ** had to **suffer and rise again from the dead**, and saying, “This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ.” **4** And **some of them were persuaded**; and a **great multitude of devout Greeks**, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.

Street Demonstrations Use “Street People”

5 But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. **6** But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, “These who have turned the world upside down have come here, too. **7** Jason has harboured them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king - Jesus.”

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8 And they troubled the crowd and the rulers of the city when they heard these things. **9** So when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go. **10** Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea.

5 ***“But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious,”***

- 1. This can be expected from “unbelievers,” but NOT from “Christians.”*
- 2. This is the wrong motivation - a negative attitude toward others.*

5 *“took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar”*

1. *“Evil men” = idle, lazy, good-for-nothing, ready for anything evil, no morals or dignity*

2 *Thessalonians 3:10; Proverbs 14:23; 19:15*

2. *“A mob” = disorderly assembly*

3. *“Uproar” = tumult, unclear in purpose*

4. *NOT the Christian method* **Acts 24:17 - 18**

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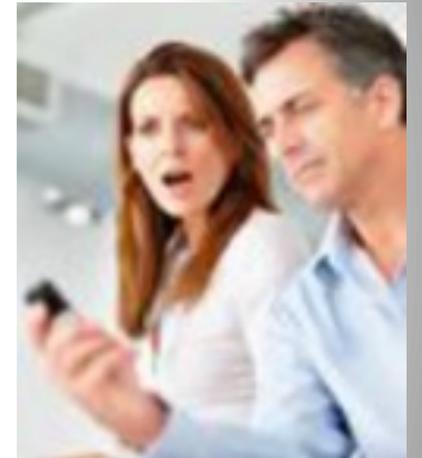
- 1.** *When a “mob rules”, like a loaded gun, it can easily be pointed against anyone the “organisers” decide. Hence, meaningless people would easily be directed against “Christians”, “the rich”, “working people”, “fathers”, “police”*
- 2.** *Bringing “charges” against someone is NOT the same as “proving” those charges, and the assumption of innocence till proven otherwise should guide. **Hebrews 10:28***

8 *“And they troubled the crowd and the rulers of the city when they heard these things.”*

1. *“Troubled” = agitated, caused problems for*
2. *“Rulers of the city” = Politicians weren’t concerned about the Gospel being preached (**Acts 17:1 - 4**), but when unbelievers stirred up problems in citizens’ minds, then it didn’t matter what the issues were - it looked bad for their city to be in turmoil*
3. *Politicians heeded NOT the Gospel but the complaints of those against the Gospel!*

What Should a Christian Do When “Crowded”?

1. **Don't share a crowd's opinion, stand alone. *Exodus 23:1***
2. **Don't be disgustingly immoral, or indecent. *Ephesians 5:3 - 7, 11 - 12***
3. **Don't stay in any crowd that is: envious, covetous, or violent
Galatians 5:19 - 21; Proverbs 14:30;
1 Corinthians 3:3; James 3:16;
*1 Corinthians 14:33***



A Mob Crucified Jesus Christ #1

John 18:3 Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

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.

Mark 14:43; Luke 22:47

A Mob Crucified Jesus Christ #2

Matthew 27:1 - 2 When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. **2** And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

Matthew 27:20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

A Mob Crucified Jesus Christ #3

Matthew 27:24 - 25 When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it.” **25** And all the people answered and said, “His blood be on us and on our children.”

Mark 15:15 So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.

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