

Is Christianity a **threat** to society? Are Christians **troublemakers**?

A new section in Luke's history. A hostile reaction in Ephesus.

Why stay a little longer? (19:22).

**Why describe another riot?** (19:23)

**Demetrius is disturbed.** (19:24-27)  
Vested interest in the Artemis cult.

**'Man-made gods are no gods at all'**  
'Apart from me there is no Savior'  
(Isaiah 43:10; 1 Cor 8:4-6).

A mob – including tradies (19:25)  
became an irrational riot (28-32).

**The gospel re-ordered the city away  
from dehumanizing paganism to the  
life and goodness of God's kingdom.**

The City CEO's advice to Citizens

The City CEO's attitude to Christians

Keep Calm: We're Ephesians.  
'Ephesus is the guardian of the  
temple of the great Artemis.

You have brought these men here  
though they have neither robbed  
temples nor blasphemed our goddess.

Stop Rioting Or We're in Trouble,  
'we are in danger of being charged  
with rioting...there is no reason for it.'

Paul proclaimed the Kingdom of God.  
There was plenty to protest in Ephesus.  
He didn't start an anti-Artemis campaign.

**Paul wasn't allowed to speak in the theatre.**  
God is sovereign over the city and Church.  
Salvation belongs to our God (Rev 7:10)

Faith in the public square?

Hiding in plain sight?

Be **certain** about the Christian faith  
Have **courage** to declare the gospel.  
Leave the shouting to the pagans.