HOW FALSE RELIGION PROTECTS ITSELF  
Acts 21:27-32

INTRODUCTION:

A. True religion has a promise of perpetuity  
1) Jesus said so  
   Matthew 16:18
2) He said so again  
   Matthew 28:20

B. False religion has no such promise  
1) It is left to the wisdom of man  
2) It must protect itself  
3) We may see some methods in these verses

I. False Religion Stirs Up The People  

A. These legalists never forget a face  
1) The seven days were, "almost ended"  
2) The Asian Jews saw him in the temple  
3) "this is the man", They had prior knowledge

B. ".....stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him"  
1) "stirred" = sugcheo = "to pour together", "to confuse throw into confusion", "put in an uproar"  
2) Error rarely thrives in calmness  
3) "laid" = epiballo = "to place upon", "to seize"

II. False Religion Perverts True Teaching  

A. "Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men everywhere against the people, and the law, and this place:"  
1) "crying" = krazo = onomatopoetic , "The cry of a raven" Hence to cry out from fear or pain.  
2) "help" = boetheo = "to come to the rescue", As if an outrage has been committed, such as murder.

B. What is this outrage?  
1) He preaches against the Jewish people  
2) He preaches spiritual apostasy  
3) He attacks the Temple

C. Have you heard, "What Baptists teach?"  
1) "you have to be a Baptist to go to heaven"  
2) "you can sin all you want to"  
3) "no one will be in heaven but Baptist"
III. False Religion Gives a False Interpretation of Incidents For Its Own Purpose vs. 28b

A. "and further brought Greeks also into this temple, and hath polluted this holy place"
   1) This is a statement that bears the weight of first-hand knowledge, eyewitness. They do not attach doubt or uncertainty.
   2) "polluted" = koinoo = "to make common", "to communicate with others", "to defile ceremonially"
   3) This man has committed an act worthy of death

B. (For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into temple)
   1) They had seen Paul with a gentile
   2) They "supposed" that Paul had brought him into the temple. nomizo = "to regard as customary", "to assume"

C. People and places of history
   1) Donatists ate babies, so it is said by the Priests. The explanation given for the AnaBaptist closed communion.
   2) The Munster Riots. Karl Kautsky
   3) Baptist were Polygamists

IV. False Religion Exaggerates An Incident To Make Themselves Look Watchful vs. 30

A. They issued a city-wide warning
   1) "And all the city was moved"
      "moved" = kineo = "to set in motion"
   2) "and the people ran together"

B. They dragged him out of the temple
   1) "and drew him out of the temple"
      "drew" = helko = "to draw", "to drag"

C. They shut the temple doors
   1) "and forthwith the doors were shut"
   2) "shut" = kleio = "to shut", "to close"

V. False Religion Will Use Physical Violence vs. 31-32

A. They planned to kill Paul
   1) "And as they went about to kill him"
   2) "kill" = apokteino = "to kill outright"

B. They beat him vs. 32
   1) "they left beating of Paul"
   2) "beating" = tupto = "to strike", "smite"
VI. False Religion is True Religion's Worst Enemy

A. False churches were begun by Satan during Apostolic times
   1) Matthew 13:36
   2) II Corinthians 11:13 - This is not prophecy concerning
      the last days.

B. False religions teach some truth
   1) 
   2) 
