



A Time for Miracles (Acts 19)

VINTAGE US, PART 6

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VINTAGE US: The Good News (Gospel) is an *ever-expanding reality*; and therefore, it keeps bumping into the *forces of evil!*

Acts 19 – Paul in Ephesus

E-Burg — think... POWER.

Scene 1 — Eventually *truth divides*.

⁹ But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. ¹⁰ This took place for two years, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

Scene 2 — Extraordinary Miracles

¹¹ God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out.

- Observe: the *blurring of categories!*

Scene 3 — Seven Sons of Sceva

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subdued all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. ¹⁷ This became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived in Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified. ¹⁸ Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices. ¹⁹ And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. ²⁰ So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing.

- Observe: *People stop playin'!*

Scene 4 — Riot

²⁸ When they heard this and were filled with rage, they began crying out, saying, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" ²⁹ The city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed with one accord into the theater, dragging along Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia.

- Observe: How *entangled* and *intertwined* evil gets in everything — tradition, economics, politics.

1. The Power arrayed against us seems *formidable, foreboding, forbidding, final!*
2. We have *already started tasting* the POWERS of the age to come!
3. Sometimes we need a MIRACLE, we need *God to intervene for our GOOD.*

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER... You are invited!



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