

"Trials Of Primitive Christianity # 3"

1\*Contrast: Acts 9:1-2; Acts 21:10-13.

2-Why these trials?????

1-The teaching of Christ antagonized religious autocracy: Uncontrolled authority; presumptuous religion...Psalms 19:13.....  
Hold back thy servant from presumptuous sin....

2-The teaching of Christ antagonized the social aristocracy:

- 1-Those who imagined themselves to be a privileged class.....
- 2-Those who regarded themselves to be superior to the rest of the community.....as in rank, wealth, or intellect.....

3-When Christ said of the poor widow, "She hath cast in more than they"Mark 12:41-44, it must have been a bitter rebuke to those who out of their abundance cast in large gifts....

3-The teaching of Christ finally antagonized the masses.....

1-First, He condemned their procedure in the temple.....(Matt. 21:12-16)

1-The temple cleansed...WHY.....

2-The chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did....They were sore displeased.....(why displeased)

3-The over-all picture from the cleansing of the temple.....

1-The Lord is in his holy temple...enter it with reverence...

2-His house is a house of prayer (3)drive out worldly thoughts;(4) hush your hearts into solemn attention.

5-Bring the little children early to church (6) teach them the words of prayer and praise.They praises are acceptable unto God.

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2-Second: Jesus predicted the overthrow of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple, as well as the captivity of the Jews among all nations....

1-The lament over the city.....

1-His very words reveal his deep human affection, (2) The great salvation he brought, and (3) The stubborn self-will of the Jews.

2-The guilty city, Jerusalem, was the favoured city of a favoured land.....

1-David the great singer, celebrated her praises and raised her fortunes

2-Great prophets, such as Isaiah and Jeremiah taught in her streets.

3-In Jerusalem could be seen the temple of Divine presence, and finally the city was honored by the coming of Christ

4-Even though, No city was more sinful. She murders her best friends, and finally, SHE CROWNS HER GUILT BY DELIVERING HER CHRIST UP TO DEATH....

3-With long suffering patience Jesus repeats his often rejected offer..He stands at the door and knocks.....

4-The final doom is pronounced and the house is to be left desolate at last.....

1-Jesus patience has lasted long and the lesson clearly teaches that:

2-That there is an end to the opportunity for escape .....

2-Our opportunities are provisions of Divine mercy, and if neglected, will grow into heavy, overwhelming judgements.

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