



## The Burning Bush—Online article archive

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### Evangelical Protesters attacked by ecumenical clerics.

**On Friday 2nd April, in Cumbernauld, Scotland, ecumenical churches organised a procession to carry a cross between a number of local churches. The route that the procession took passed by the front of The Reformed Evangelical Mission hall. The leader of the witness there, Mr. Jim Dowson a worshipper at Hebron Free Presbyterian Church in nearby Rutherglen, decided to organise a peaceful witness against the ecumenical procession.**

He, his wife and another woman along with 6 children took their stand on the steps of their church carrying placards on which was printed such texts as "Repent ye and believe the gospel." As Mr. Dowson witnessed from the Bible and called on those passing to put their trust in Christ, he was attacked. At first it was verbal abuse and insults. Then a local Episcopalian priest, named in the local press as Rev. David Cook, assisted by some Romanist youths physically attacked Mr. Dowson. When his wife, Anne, saw him being choked by his attackers, she went to his aid. She was knocked to the ground by a heavy blow from the wooden cross that was now turned into a weapon by the ecumenists.

When Mr. Dowson contacted the parish priest of the Sacred Heart Roman catholic chapel, "Father" Pat Osborn, he was told that they all deserved what abuse they suffered.

A police spokesman is quoted in the local press said that the incident was "minor" and no one had been charged but inquiries were continuing.

The incident serves as a reminder of what lies at the heart of ecumenism and Romanism. It is the murderous spirit of the one who "was a murderer from the beginning," as the saviour described the devil in John 8:44.

The advance of ecumenism will lead to an increase in such brutality. Let every believer be sure of that. Such is the consequence of the overthrow of the gospel in the nation. Man released from the restraints of truth becomes a cruel persecutor of those who own the name of Christ.