WHY DID PEOPLE GET UPSET?

Toward the end of his life, Luther wrote that he was surprised at how upset the 95 Theses made people. So why were people so upset? The impact of the 95 Theses was more than religious. Simply put, Luther’s 95 Theses impacted the entire economic, political, and legal system, too. Thus, Luther quickly found himself to be the focal point of accusation and threat from all sides. And how did Luther react to this increasing pressure? He wrote to a friend at the time that the greater the threats, the more confident he became -- because he knew this is what happens when one brings the Word of Christ into the world.

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