

# ACTS

OF THE APOSTLES

# STUDY 28

## ACTS 7:54-60

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### FORMER ADVENTIST FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY

Stephen's words holding the Jews accountable for the deaths of the prophets and now, ultimately, the Righteous One along with his declaration that they had received the law but did not keep it, drove them over the edge.

- 1. Verse 54 states that the Jews were "cut to the quick" (NASB) or "enraged". What other recent event elicited this same response from the Jews?**

Acts 5:29-33 \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. What did Stephen do that intensified the Jews' rage?**

Verses 55-56 \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. Stephen's vision of Jesus incorporated the Son of Man with the glory of God in a way that enraged the Jews. What did the Jews understand of the glory of God, and how did their rage and rejection of Jesus sharing God's glory define their unbelief?**

Exodus 24:16-18 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 2:8-15 \_\_\_\_\_

John 12:36-43 \_\_\_\_\_

- 4. How does Stephen confirm the prophecy the Jews knew from Daniel 7 and also the words Jesus spoke to the high priest's council just before He was crucified?**

Daniel 7:13-14 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 26:59-64 \_\_\_\_\_

- 5. How does Stephen's vision confirm both the prophecies about Jesus and the apostles' statements about Him?**

Psalms 110:1 \_\_\_\_\_

Mark 16:19-20 \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 1:15-21 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 1:13 \_\_\_\_\_

**6. What statements of Jesus and of New Testament writers did Stephen partially fulfill?**

Matthew 21:33-41 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 23:37-39 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 11:36-38 \_\_\_\_\_

**7. How does Luke use this pivotal passage to introduce the major player of the last part of the book of Acts, and what evidence do we have that Stephen's death and Paul's involvement in it may have triggered the intense persecution that fell on the church in the following days?**

Acts 8:1-3 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 22:5-8 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 22:17-21 \_\_\_\_\_

**8. How was Stephen's prayer similar to Jesus' last words to His Father at His death, and what can we learn about forgiveness from these two prayers?**

Psalm 31:3-5 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 23:44-46 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 23:32-34 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 5:43-45 \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Why does Luke say Stephen "fell asleep", and what does the Bible tell us about this phrase?**

John 11:13 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 27:51-53 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 15:20-24 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 \_\_\_\_\_

# MEDITATE

**Ask God to keep you faithful and submitted to Him and to His word and His gospel. Ask Him to show you how to trust Him with those in your life who scorn you and marginalize you because of your faith. Ask Jesus to make His word come alive in your heart and to reveal what is real and true and to plant you deeply in His love. He is faithful.**

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"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." 1 Peter 2:24-25, NIV