

**Acts 7 “Stephen and Jesus”**  
**Acts 7:54-60**  
**July 27, 2025**

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54 Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. 55 But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” 57 But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. 58 Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60 And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

“When they heard these things.”

Acts 7:51-53

51 “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. 52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, 53 you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

Matthew 26:63-64

63 But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” 64 Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Daniel 7:13-14

13 “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. 14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Martyr or witness.

Avoiding death is no longer the greatest issue.

Acts 7:56

56 And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

## Hebrews 7:25

25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

As much as Stephen displays faith, Jesus is faithful even more.

### **Life Group Discussion Questions**

- What did God say to you through His Word during our Sunday gathering?
- When you have considered Stephen's death, how is Steven an example to us? Do you think we called to risk our lives for Christ? When should we? When shouldn't we?
- How has Jesus reshaped your thoughts about death?
- In what ways does Steven create challenges for those who lean towards a prosperity gospel?
- Discuss the idea that where you set your gaze in trials reveals where you think your deliverance comes from. What are some of ways you've misplaced your faith in difficulties?
- How does Stephen's faith reveal an even more faithful Jesus?
- How can a "standing Jesus" make a difference in your trials?
- In what ways can your Life Group help you apply this passage to your life this week?