



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

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Series- You will be my witnesses pt 4

The Churches first Martyr

54 When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. 55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

- 1. Two views of Moses**
- 2. Evidence of the Patriarchs**
- 3. Evidence of the Exodus**
- 4. Tabernacle & Temple**
- 5. Conclusion**

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Acts 6:3-6. How do these verses reveal what Stephen was like?
2. Read Acts 6:11 & 13. What are the two charges brought against Stephen?
3. Read Acts 7:2-43. What does Stephen say about Israel's attitude towards God's messengers in general and Moses in particular? What characteristics of God are highlighted in these verses?
4. Read Acts 7:44-50. How had Israel blasphemed God in their attitude to the temple? What did Solomon say about God's presence and the temple?
5. Read Acts 7:51-53. Why did verses 51-53 anger the Sanhedrin so much?

B. Meditation & application

6. How are we guilty of brushing aside God's messengers to us?
7. How do we determine who speaks the truth?
8. What does it look like for us to see God as a pilgrim God?
9. Do you think God's messengers can expect to be safe passengers in this world?
10. How do we see God at work in this passage and how can that encourage us?
11. What can we learn from the courage and conviction of Stephen? How does this passage teach us about the cost of mission?

A Prayer: Heavenly Father- you call us to proclaim and demonstrate the good news of the gospel to our world and yet so often we feel weak and unsure. Help us to like Stephen, be bold and brave and be willing to speak the truth. In Jesus Name- Amen