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OF THE APOSTLES



Today's Scripture Reading

Acts 6:8-15



⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. ¹⁰ But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. ¹¹ Then they secretly instigated men who said, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.”



¹² And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, ¹³ and they set up false witnesses who said, “This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, ¹⁴ for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us.” ¹⁵ And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.



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- Luke and Acts started as **one Book** encouraging Theophilus on the Life and works of Jesus.
- Jesus **ris**es from the dead and reveals the life that Luke was talking about.
- Jesus **reveals his mission** to his disciples and provides the power to accomplish it.
- His believers are **filled with the Holy Spirit**



- The **Gospel is preached** to onlookers and God gives grace to many, who become Christians
- A **Christian Community** is formed
- Jesus begins to heal **in order to validate** he is alive and working through his people
- The work of Peter and John is **questioned by the opposition**
- The Church is **thriving**



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- FREEDMEN: Libertines
- CYRENIANS: a city in Africa in the province of Libya
- There was a large Jewish colony in ALEXANDRIA
- CILICIA AND ASIA: two districts in Asia Minor



10 But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. 11 Then they **secretly instigated** men who said, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.”



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WHY DOES LUKE SAY FALSE WITNESSES?



WAYS THAT YOU KILL THE CHURCH

1. Persecution (physical, mental etc.)
 2. Sin in the church
 3. Dissension in the body



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DID JESUS SAY THAT HE WAS GOING TO DESTROY THE TEMPLE?

And the Jews asked him, "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" And Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

-John 2:19

JESUS TAKES THE PLACE OF EVERYTHING IN THE TEMPLE



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²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God....³⁴ Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵ the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.



WHAT QUESTION IS LUKE ANSWERING?

HOW LEGITIMATE IS THIS COVENANT?

This is the covenant **GOD** is endorsing

Everything points to **CHRIST**

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