

# The Day Stephen Got Stoned

Acts 6:8

Every Christian has at least 4 names:

Saint for our \_\_\_\_\_ Believers for our \_\_\_\_\_

Christians for our \_\_\_\_\_ Disciple for our \_\_\_\_\_

As Christians I wonder if we're living up to our name ?

Tonight I want us to look at a man who.....

In Acts 6 & 7 we get a 1<sup>st</sup> hand look at the day Stephen got stoned.

Notice 3 things - Stephen was a man:

I. \_\_\_\_\_ Respected.

He was a man who was: Unparalleled in his \_\_\_\_\_

Unsurpassed in his \_\_\_\_\_ Unrivaled in his \_\_\_\_\_

Stephen was greatly respected because of his:

1. Inward \_\_\_\_\_.

Due to the controversy in the N.T. church..... look at Acts 6:5-8

2. Outward \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 6:8

3. Upward \_\_\_\_\_.

Stephen's ministry began to ruffle a few feathers particularly.....

They didn't like his..... so the Bible says they set up false witnesses. v16-15

The Sanhedrin tried to \_\_\_\_\_ him, \_\_\_\_\_ him, \_\_\_\_\_ him

but they couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ the fact he'd been with Jesus.

II. \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected.

The Jewish leaders treatment of Stephen in Acts 6 & 7 is a striking parallel to the.....

Stephen was rejected by the Sanhedrin for 2 reasons - because of the:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ he possessed. 6:10

In spite of all the false accusations they made against Stephen

they \_\_\_\_\_ him they \_\_\_\_\_ him they resisted him

they ridiculed him but they could not \_\_\_\_\_ the testimony he possessed.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ he proclaimed.

The Greatest sermon ever preached..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Greatest sermon was delivered by.....

3<sup>rd</sup> Greatest sermon was preached..... Acts 7

When you read Stephens sermons it's like he enrolls us in an O.T. survey class.

In verses 2-6 he refers us to ..... Abraham

In verses 9-17 he expounds ..... Joseph

In verses 18-44 he ..... Moses

In verse 45 he mentions ..... Joshua

In verses 46-50 he outlines the ..... David and Solomon

It was an awesome message from the \_\_\_\_\_ by a man who knew the \_\_\_\_\_ !

In verses 51-53 Stephen looks at his audience.....

In verse 54 his preaching brings ..... heart.

Their ears did not \_\_\_\_\_ the truth, their hearts did not \_\_\_\_\_

the truth and their necks would not \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth.

III. \_\_\_\_\_ Rewarded. Stephen was rewarded for:

1. What he \_\_\_\_\_.

Stephen's sermon was interrupted by the same crowd..... vs 57-59a

This is Israel's 3<sup>rd</sup> murder:

They persecuted..... They asked for.....

Now they are killing Stephen themselves..... notice 59b-60

Stephen had lived ..... Forgiving those who stoned him to death

2. What he \_\_\_\_\_. vs 55-56

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time in the Bible that Jesus STOOD UP !

When Stephen, the 1<sup>st</sup> martyr of the church died ..... HOME !

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