



STEPHEN'S LORD

ACTS 7:54-60
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Stephen's Indictment of The Sanhedrin:

"You stiff-necked people uncircumcised in heart and ears. You always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? And they killed those who announced beforehand of the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who have received the law as delivered by angels and you haven't kept it."

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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.

Contemplative Question:

Do I see Jesus as my Lord?

1. Stephen's Lord influences his Life

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Contrast:

Sanhedrine: 54 Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him.

"You stiff-necked people uncircumcised in heart and ears. **You always resist the Holy Spirit.**

Stephen: ⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit....

2. Stephen's Lord influences his Love

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3. Stephen's Lord influences his Death

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Can You see Jesus the way Stephen saw Him?

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Pastoral Reflection:

Is Jesus the Lord of your life?

Have you asked Jesus to fill you with the Holy Spirit?