

# Missing God's Work of Salvation

## Acts 7

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### Introduction

Acts 1-5 focuses on how the apostles became witnesses in Jerusalem

Acts 6-9 shows how the witness extends from the apostles to others;  
it also extends from Jerusalem to Judea & Samaria

#### 1. Stephen's defence (v.1-53)

- Recounting how...
  - God appeared to Abraham (v.2-8)
  - Joseph went ahead to Egypt (v.9-16)
  - Moses tried to save the Israelites (v.17-29)
  - God appeared to Moses (v.30-38)
  - Moses delivered the Israelites; but they made false gods instead (v.35-43)
  - the tent & temple were built (v.44-50)
- Charging them for rejecting Jesus (v.51-53)

#### 2. Stephen's death (v.54-60)

Key Lessons:

#1: The essence is true obedience & worship

#2: The eclipse of true obedience & worship

#3: The exhibition of true obedience & worship

Questions for Discussion

- i. Give some examples in today's context, how I can exhibit the same inconsistencies as the Israelites, without even being aware of it?
- ii. How can I avoid or guard against this inconsistency?
- iii. What is my normal response when I am challenged or provoked? What does it mean for me if I were to relate & respond like Jesus under these circumstances?

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