

## *The Stoning of Stephen (Acts 6 & 7)*

- 1 Stephen was full of ..... and .....

*Now Stephen a man full of God's grace and power performed great wonders and signs among the people. Acts 6:8 (TNIV)*

*they secretly persuaded some men to say, 'We have heard Stephen speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God.... they produced false witnesses, who testified, 'This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law. For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us. Acts 6:11, 13, 14 (TNIV)*

2. Stephen was teaching ..... about the temple and the law.

*Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against Jesus: 'We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.' Mark 14:27, 28 (TNIV)*

3. Jesus is God's .....and he .....  
in the old temple.

**I did not see a temple in the city**, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. Rev. 21:22,23 (TNIV)

*Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets: I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. Matthew 5:17 (TNIV)*

*God has bound himself to his church (promising that he will never leave it) and to his word (promising that it will never pass away). But God's church means people not buildings and God's word means Scripture not tradition. So long as these essentials are preserved, the buildings and the traditions can, if necessary, go. John Stott*

4. Elevating traditions or buildings above what God wants to do.....