

ACTS: God Works Through His Church

Stephen's Speech

Acts 7:1-53

Slandered before an outraged crowd, Stephen – full of the Holy Spirit, faith, grace, wisdom, and power – does not _____, but _____.

This was risky because

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The **Main Point** of Stephen's Speech:

Jesus of Nazareth _____ God's plan and you have _____ to recognize it.

Pillars of the popular (conventional) piety of the Jews

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

God's Providence in History through Four Epochs

1. Abraham
2. Joseph
3. Moses & Joshua
4. David

The Indictment:

1. Stephen turns the full force of Israel's _____ history against his slanderous opponents
2. Spiritual _____ and _____
3. The religious have _____ God as a _____ to their end.
4. They are countering God.

He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

John 1:11