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Acts 6v8 – 7v60

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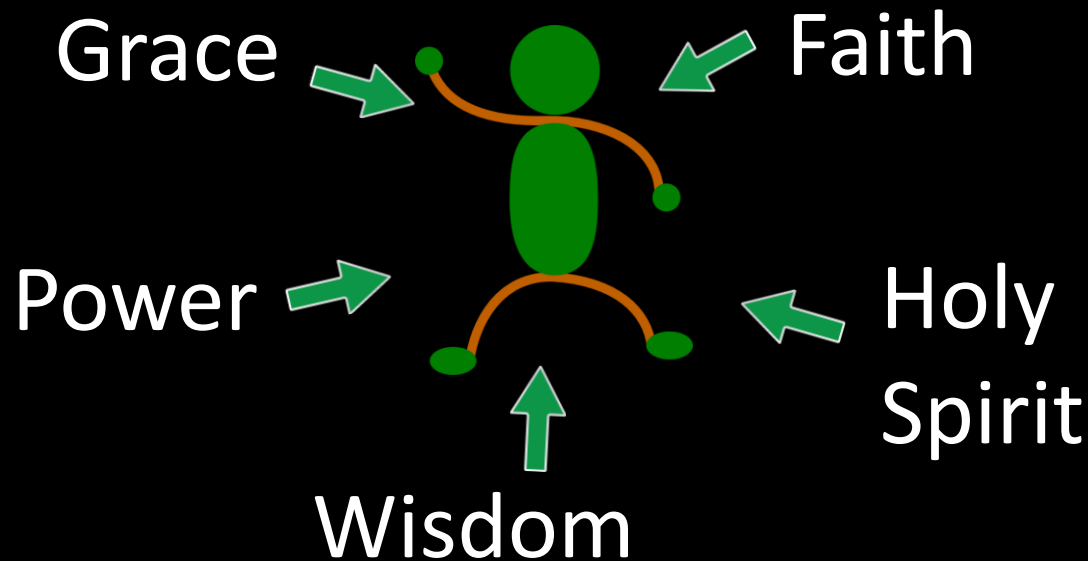
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That Jesus died and rose

1) The man on trial (6v8-10)

V8: Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people.



2) The Charges (6v11-15)

V13-14: They produced false witnesses, who testified, “This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law.¹⁴ For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us.”

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Mt 12v6: I tell you that something greater than the temple is here.



The shadow



The substance

3) The Defence (7v1-53)

V1: Then the high priest asked Stephen,
“Are these charges true?”

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V51: “You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit!

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6v15: All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.



4) The Verdict (7v54-60)

V59-60: While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

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