

# **Stephen – Man of God. 6<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

## ***Acts 6 – Introducing Stephen***

### ***Problems of Growth***

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%206:1-7&version=NIV>

### ***Controversy***

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%206:8-15&version=NIV>

## ***Acts 7 – The Crucible***

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%207:1-53&version=NIV>

### ***Reaction***

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%207:54-60&version=NIV>

## ***Acts 8 – Scattering, Destruction, Preaching***

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%208:1-4&version=NIV>

## **Qualification for working Miraculous Signs**

John 14:12-14

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%2014:12-14&version=NIV>

## **Life or Death for the Man of God?**

Philippians 1:20-21

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Phil%201:20-21&version=NIV>

## **The True Picture**

2 Kings 6:15-17 (compare with Acts 7:56)

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Kings%206:15-17&version=NIV>

## **Why are Christians Persecuted?**

John 1:1-5

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%201:1-5&version=NIV>

## **Persecution in Practice**

### ***Then***

See the letter from Pliny the Younger to the Emperor Trajan, 111-113 (<http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/pliny.html>)

### ***...and now***

<http://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

<http://www.partnersworld.org.uk/>

P.S. Last week's sketch (the healing of Naaman) was based on 2 Kings 5