

Stephen: The First Martyr

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Understanding Courage and Forgiveness

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Answer the following questions about Stephen's story from the Bible.

1. What made Stephen special in the early church?

2. What did Stephen see while he was being stoned?

- A. A vision of angels
- B. Jesus standing at God's right hand
- C. The crowd's anger

3. Stephen forgave those who hurt him by asking God not to hold their sin against them.

- True False

4. Stephen was one of the first ____ in the early church.

5. How did Stephen demonstrate courage?

- A. He ran away from the crowd
- B. He spoke boldly about Jesus
- C. He became angry at the people

6. Stephen was afraid to share his faith, even when faced with danger.

- True False

7. How did Stephen show love to those who hurt him?

8. Stephen's last words were a prayer asking the Lord to ____ his spirit.

9. What did the crowd do to Stephen?

- A. They praised him
- B. They stoned him
- C. They ignored him

10. Why is Stephen considered the first Christian martyr?

Answer Key

1. Stephen was chosen to serve the early church because of his faith and wisdom. He was also known for his ability to speak boldly about Jesus. 2. Jesus standing at God's right hand 3. True 4. deacons 5. He spoke boldly about Jesus 6. False 7. Stephen showed love by asking God to forgive them. He wanted them to be forgiven instead of seeking revenge. 8. receive 9. They stoned him 10. Stephen is considered the first Christian martyr because he was killed for his faith in Jesus and his courageous testimony about Him.