

Acts 6:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

Analysis

The false witnesses accused Stephen of speaking 'against this holy place, and the law.' The charges misrepresented Stephen's teaching that Jesus fulfilled and transcended temple and law. Truth about Jesus threatened entrenched religious interests.

Historical Context

Similar charges were brought against Jesus (Mark 14:58). The accusations distorted Stephen's teaching about Christ's superiority to temple worship.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does truth about Jesus threaten religious systems that don't point to Him?
2. What distinguishes legitimate critique of religious forms from attacking God's provision?

Interlinear Text

ἔστησάν τε μάρτυρας ψευδεῖς λέγοντας Ὁ ἄνθρωπος

set up And witnesses false which said man
G2476 G5037 G3144 G5571 G3004 G3588 G444

οὗτος οὐ παύεται ὥρματα βλάσφημα λαλῶν κατὰ τοῦ

this not ceaseth words blasphemous to speak against G3588
G3778 G3756 G3973 G4487 G989 G2980 G2596 G3588

τόπου τοῦ ἀγίου τούτου καὶ τοῦ νόμου·

place G3588 holy This and the law
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 6:11 (Word): Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.

Acts 21:28 (Holy): Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.

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