

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

ἔστησαν	τε	μάρτυρας	ψευδεῖς	λέγοντας	Ὁ	ἄνθρωπος	
set up	And	witnesses	false	which said	G3588	man	
G2476	G5037	G3144	G5571	G3004		G444	
οὗτος	οὐ	παύεται	ῥήματα	βλάσφημα	λαλῶν	κατὰ	τοῦ
this	not	ceaseth	words	blasphemous	to speak	against	G3588
G3778	G3756	G3973	G4487	G989	G2980	G2596	
τόπου	τοῦ	ἁγίου	τούτου	καὶ	τοῦ	νόμου·	
place	G3588	holy	This	and	G3588	the law	
G5117		G40	G5127	G2532		G3551	

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.