

Acts 7:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then said the high priest, Are these things so?

Analysis

The high priest's question 'Are these things so?' opened the door for Stephen's defense. Rather than directly answering false charges (Acts 6:13-14), Stephen demonstrated continuity between Jesus and Israel's history. His speech is Acts' longest, showing its theological importance.

Historical Context

The high priest at this time was likely Caiaphas (AD 18-36) or possibly his successor. Stephen's defense before the Sanhedrin paralleled Jesus' trial before the same body.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. Why does Stephen respond with a history lesson rather than direct defense?

2. How does understanding God's past faithfulness address present accusations?

Interlinear Text

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said	Then	G3588	the high priest	Are	G687	these things	so	G2192
G2036	G1161		G749	G1487		G5023	G3779	

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