



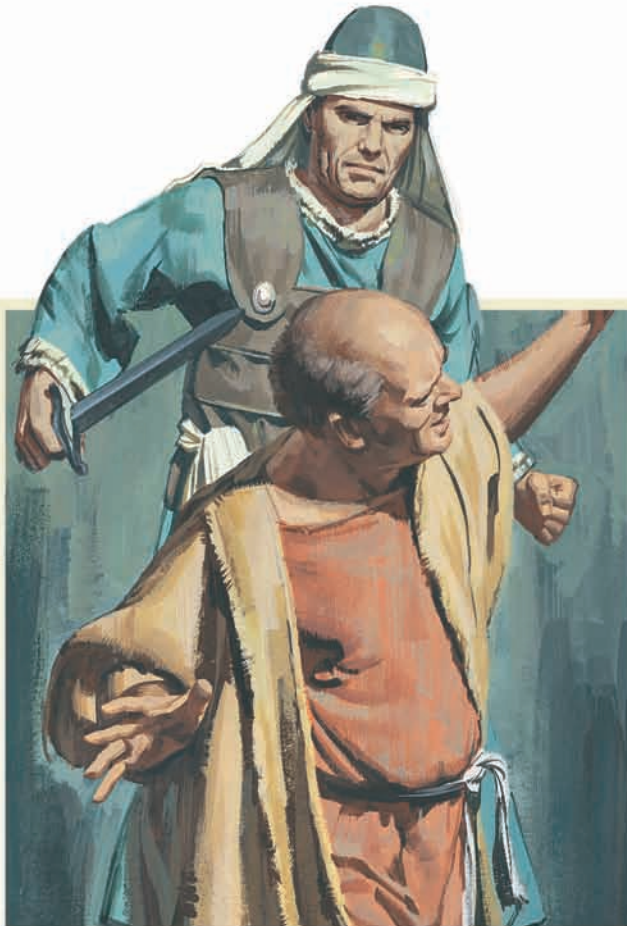
CHAPTER 57

Wicked Men Kill Stephen



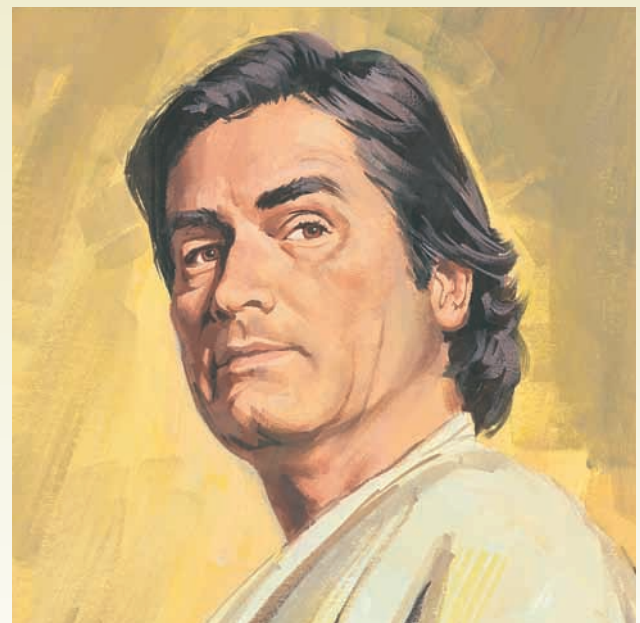
Many Jewish leaders thought that miracles would stop when Jesus died. However, the Apostles also performed miracles. Many people believed in Jesus Christ and joined the Church.

Acts 4:1-4, 13-16; 5:14



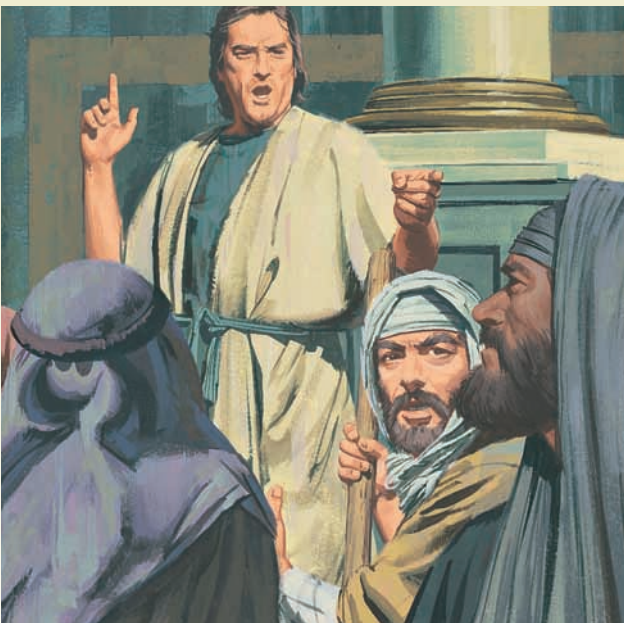
This made many Jewish leaders angry. They put Peter and John in prison. King Herod Agrippa had the Apostle James killed.

Acts 4:3; 12:1-2



The Apostles called seven men to help lead the Church. One was a righteous man named Stephen. He taught the gospel to many people. Some wicked people lied and said that Stephen spoke against Jewish law. They took him to be tried by the Jewish leaders.

Acts 6:3-12



Stephen told the leaders that they were wicked. He said that they had killed Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Acts 7:51–54



Then Stephen looked up into heaven and saw Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. When he told the leaders what he saw, they were very angry.

Acts 7:55–56



They took Stephen out of the city to kill him by throwing stones at him. They laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. As Stephen

was dying, he asked God to take his spirit to heaven. He also asked God to forgive those who were killing him. Then he died.

Acts 7:58–60