

How was Stephen enabled to make such a charge against his persecutors?

What vision had he?

What prophecy of our Lord was fulfilled here? (Luke 22. 69.)

What use did Stephen make of the vision?

Was Stephen tried upon the charges which were made against him?

How did the council break up?

What motive had the people for putting Stephen to death?

What young man figured in the event of Stephen's martyrdom?

How was Stephen put to death?

How did he receive the insults and cruelty of his foes?

What was his disposition toward his murderers?

Who used the word "sleep" for death?

Questions for Intermediate Scholars.

1. Seeing Jesus (verses 54-56).

What do we see on that terrible day of Stephen's stoning?

But what did Stephen see?

What was Jesus doing at God's right hand?

How did Stephen describe it?

2. Dying like Jesus (verses 57-60).

What difference in the manner of Christ's and Stephen's death?

What four modes of execution do you know of?

What nation used crucifixion?

In what respects was the death of Stephen like that of Jesus?

How was that of Jesus far more agonizing and terrible?

3. Followers of Jesus, like Stephen (verses 1, 2).

Who took part in Stephen's stoning?

Was Paul himself ever stoned? (Acts 14. 19.)

What effect had the persecution on the Church and its work?

How did it help in the spread of the Gospel?

Questions for Younger Scholars.

What did Stephen do when his accusers were through? *He preached a wonderful sermon.*

What did the Jews think of it? *It made them very angry.*

Of what did he accuse them? *Of betraying and murdering Jesus.*

How did the Jews show their anger? *They gnashed on Stephen with their teeth.*

What did he see as he looked up? *Heaven opened and Jesus standing on the right hand of God.*

What did the Jews do when he told them this? *They cast him out and stoned him.*

What did he say before he died? *"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."*

How did he pray for his enemies? *He said, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge."*

Who stood by and consented to the stoning of Stephen? *A young man named Saul.*

Who was he? *A persecutor of Christians.*

What is a persecutor? *One who tries to injure a good person.* —

The Lesson Catechism.

(For the entire school.)

1. What did Stephen see as he looked up to heaven? *Jesus standing on the right hand of God.*

2. What did the council do when they heard his words? *They stoned him.*

3. For what was the last prayer of Stephen? *For forgiveness to his enemies.*

4. Who took part in the murder of Stephen? *A young man named Saul.*

5. What did Saul do afterward? *He persecuted the Church.*

6. What is the GOLDEN TEXT? *"Pray for them which," etc.* —

The Church Catechism.

49. What are our duties to the Church of Christ? Our duties to the Church of Christ are to take our part in the public ordinances of worship; to assist according to our ability in all Christian work; to contribute according to our means to the support of the Church and its institutions, and particularly to the extension of the Gospel in the world.

THE LESSON OUTLINE.

Faithful Unto Death.

I. FAITHFULNESS OFTEN REQUIRES GREAT COURAGE.

They were stoned, they were sawn asunder. Heb. 11. 37.

II. SECURES THE MANIFEST FAVOR OF GOD.

Without faith it is impossible to please him. Heb. 11. 6.

III. MAKES POSSIBLE REVELATIONS OF THE UNSEEN.

And the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there. Exod. 34. 5.

IV. COMMANDS RECOGNITION EVEN FROM ENEMIES.

This was the Son of God. Matt. 27. 54.