

Stephen Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Does the job description of deacon sound like a lower-level responsibility?

Do collateral duties we least suspect sometimes become our main responsibilities?

Did it seem that Stephen's gifts were squandered by provoking the Sanhedrin?

Is there an easy way to differentiate between prudence and cowardice?

What were the various possible reactions of bystanders in the crowd?

Is it likely that people could be completely neutral about the event?

If you had advised Stephen regarding the speech, what would you honestly have said about the conclusion?

Was God surprised by the reaction?

Is it likely that it began the process in Saul of Tarsus that came to completion on the road to Damascus?

Why did the Lord right at that time reveal Himself to Stephen, standing on the right-hand side of The Father?

Why did Stephen describe it to the crowd?

Why did Stephen forgive his tormentors?

Does something that looks like a disaster become the focal point of a bigger plan than we can imagine?

Should we be depressed about setbacks?

Would you have accepted appointment as a deacon?

Would you have asked about health benefit and retirement plan?