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There are people who love Jesus...

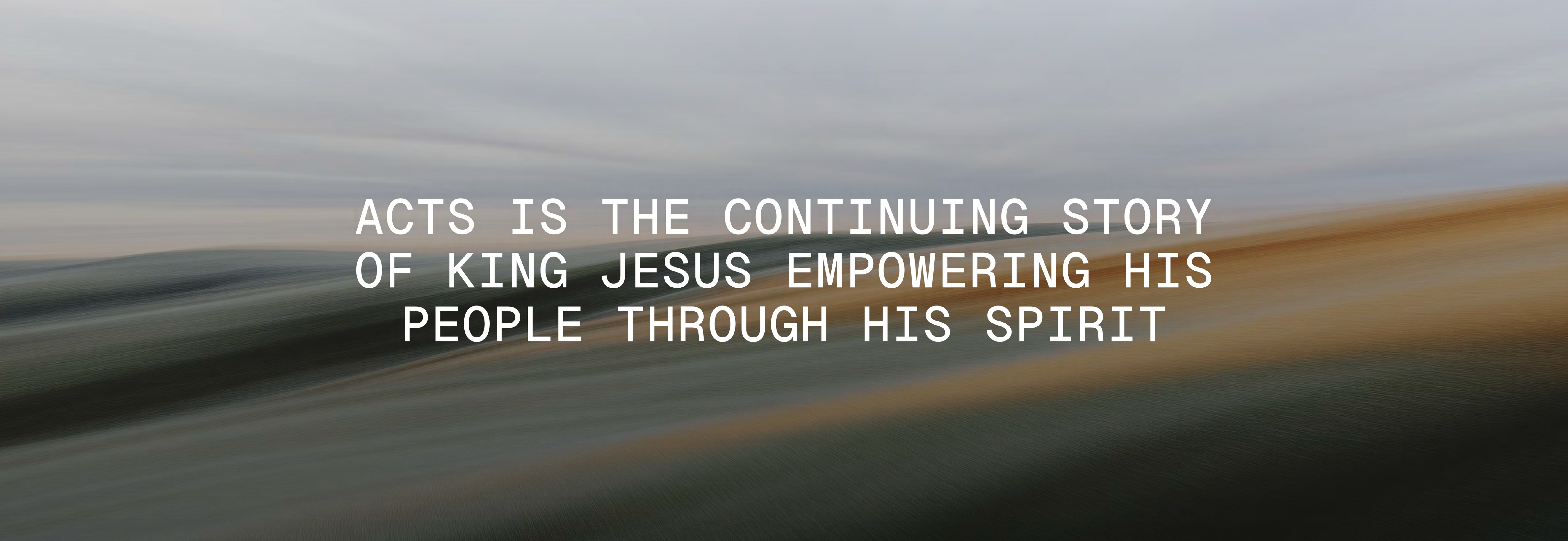


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ACTS IS THE CONTINUING STORY
OF KING JESUS EMPOWERING HIS
PEOPLE THROUGH HIS SPIRIT



And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.⁹ Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.¹⁰ But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

ACTS 6:8-10 ESV



Then they secretly instigated men who said, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.” ¹² And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, ¹³ and they set up false witnesses who said, “This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, ¹⁴ for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us.” ¹⁵ And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

ACTS 6:11-15 ESV



And the high priest said, “Are these things so?”

ACTS 7:1 ESV



And the high priest said, “Are these things so?” ² And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham...

ACTS 7:1-ESV

ACTS 7:9-15

Joseph

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ACTS 7:20-43

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Was rejected
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And on the following day he appeared to them as they were quarreling and tried to reconcile them, saying, ‘Men, you are brothers. Why do you wrong each other?’ ²⁷ But the man who was wronging his neighbor thrust him aside, saying, ‘**Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?**’ ²⁸ Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?’ ²⁹ At this retort Moses fled and became an exile in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons.

ACTS 7:26-29 ESV

ACTS 7:20-43

Moses



**Rejected by
his own
people**



**Was used by God to
free his own people
and many others
from slavery**



“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen...”

DEUTERONOMY 18:15 ESV



Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you.

ACTS 3:22 ESV



This is the Moses who said to the Israelites, ‘God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers.’

ACTS 7:37 ESV



And they made a calf in those days, and offered a sacrifice to the idol and were rejoicing in the works of their hands.

ACTS 7:41 ESV

ACTS 7:44-50

Temple

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Built to be a
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“Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool.
What kind of house will you build for me,
says the Lord,
or what is the place of my rest?
Did not my hand make all these things?”

ISAIAH 66:1b-2a NIV



“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

ACTS 7:51-53 ESV

SUMMARY OF STEPHEN'S SPEECH

Our ancestors have a pattern of rejecting God's chosen deliverers, and now you are rejecting the ultimate Deliverer, Jesus.





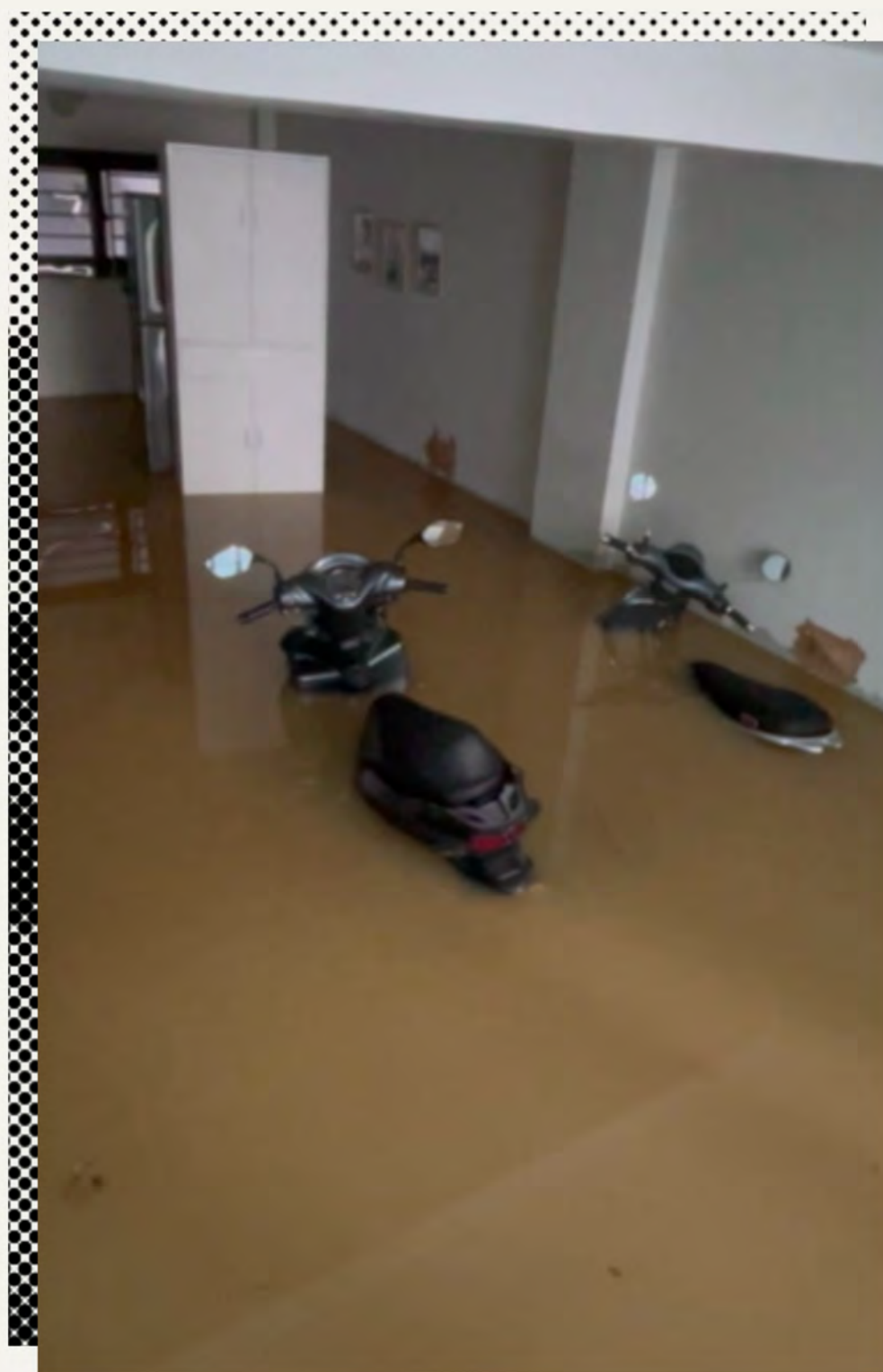
Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

ACTS 7:54-56 ESV



But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him.⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

ACTS 7:57-60 ESV





And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. ³ But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

ACTS 8:1b-3 ESV



Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.⁵ Philip went down to the city of **Samaria** and proclaimed to them the Christ.⁶ And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did.⁷ For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed.⁸ So there was much joy in that city.

ACTS 8:4-8 ESV