INTRODUCTION

• The first church martyr, Stephen, was a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit. God is not partial to anyone, so what keeps us from being full of faith and of the Holy Spirit? And if we were full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, what would we be like?

• Stephen’s story is given a good bit of real estate in Acts (68 vs out of 1,007 for about 7% of the whole book). That’s quite significant for a man whose initial responsibility was to relieve the Apostles of some lower priority work, such as taking care of neglected widows.

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

• Where do we typically picture Jesus being today? Is He not portrayed as “Sitting at the right hand of God”? ……….. Luke 22:69

• EXCEPTION in Acts 7:55. Here we see Jesus STANDING as He welcomes Stephen into Heaven. And if Jesus is standing, we can bet so were all the Angels…standing for a man who was fearless to share the truth of the Cross to those who hated it.

• The next time Jesus is seen off of His Throne is when He is sitting on a white horse speeding through the heavens with a host of Angels to bring final judgment on the earth ………..Rev 19

NEXT WEEK: Acts 8. Like Philip, we can’t wait for people to come to us asking to be led to the Lord. We must be bold to go and share.