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The group had Stephen arrested and brought before a meeting of the religious leaders.

At the meeting, false witnesses accused Stephen of speaking against Moses and the Law.

Jesus, please protect people who are accused by false witnesses

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The meeting of religious leaders had falsely accused Stephen of being disloyal to Moses.

So Stephen gave a long speech, full of loyalty to Moses.

Then he made a stinging attack on the leaders:

"You stubborn people, with your pagan hearts and pagan ears. You are always resisting the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors did.

Your ancestors killed the prophets who foretold the coming of the Just One. You have gone further: you have killed the Just One himself"

When the leaders heard these words, they were very angry and wanted to kill Stephen.

Jesus, Just One from heaven, please don't let me resist the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit of God, please increase your influence in my life