

Street Preacher on Trial for Sharing Christ in Public

Mike Overd, a Christian street preacher from Somerset, began his trial in Taunton March 11 for proclaiming the gospel in Taunton town centre.

Mike has been preaching the gospel on the streets of Taunton for over five years. But he's faced real opposition—police even appealed to the public in a local newspaper to record him preaching so that they could get evidence of him making *“offensive remarks.”*

Now the Crown Prosecution Service is bringing charges against him under the Public Order Act. A number of witnesses say that they can't remember what Mike said, just that it was *“offensive.”*

Mike preaches on the street because he loves people and wants them to come to Christ.

He says: *“My motivation for preaching the gospel is my love for Jesus Christ and my deep concern for people who do not know His great love and are heading towards an eternity separated from God.”*