



**Bible Study:** Thursday, May 05 2016.

**Topic:** Acts 12

**INTRODUCTION:** Acts 12 continues to portray the momentum with which the church was advancing. However it starts on a very somber note. It starts with the murder of Apostle James by Herod, Agrippa I. He then proceeds to humiliate the church by perhaps showing the same act to Peter. An outstanding miracle of deliverance is thus performed by God to release Peter from jail. Thereafter King Herod dies mysteriously after been struck by an Angel. Acts 12 end with Barnabas and Paul continuing on the journey after dropping the gift from Antioch to the church. As they were leaving they took along with them John Mark.

## **Herod's Violence to the Church**

I Cor 1:10, Col 3:13-14, I Peter 3:8, I John 4:12, Eph 4:3. II Cor 6:17, Isaiah 52:11, I Thess 4:3.

1. Sectional harassment in the church is a separation technic by the devil to destroy the church. When we become individualistic, we slowly die.
2. Leaders always dance to majority opinion even it means to the detriment of the church. What can a united church to ease the effect of the world against the church?
3. To what extent should the church go to accommodate the dynamism of the society?

## **Peter Freed from Prison**

Matthew 13:25. Luke 21:36, Luke 18:1, Rom 12:12, Eph 6:18. Act 5:19; 8:26; 10:;12:7,23.

4. Compare the actions of the church when James was killed with when Peter was arrested.
5. Let's examine the word constant prayers. Does the word constant indicate faithlessness? Is one prayer session enough?
6. Why does God seem to wait till the very late moment? Vs 6.
7. Examine the ministry of Angels in the early church. Examine the ministry of Angels in our days.

8. What was the job of the Angel and what was the job of Peter in this rescue operation? Peter moved quickly while the angel performed the supernatural. Why did the Angel depart after bringing Peter out of the prison? Peter did not go to His house and thereafter he went underground. God has some expectations from man.
9. Compare this synergy with the way some Christians tend operate in difficult situations.
10. God caused a stir among the prison guards when they discovered that Peter has been released. Isaiah 59:19, Daniel 6, Daniel 3.
11. Can God still do things like the release of Peter today?

### **Herod's Violent Death**

12. It does not matter what men say about you but Gods counsel stands. Prov 19:21, Isaiah 46:8-10.
13. Note the word, but the word of God .....This is in spite of all persecution and threat.

### **Barnabas and Saul Appointed**

John Mark is introduced here. He was a cousin on Barnabas. Apparently it was John's mother's house that peter went to when he was delivered from the prison. John 12:12.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Indeed why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing. In spite of all the rage of King Herod the church grew and Herod was shamed. In the same manner as long as you remain with the Almighty God, your enemies and those that will not see you advance will be brought to shame. I hope we enjoyed this study.