

Acts 12

Questions

1. What did Herod do to certain of the church, to James the brother of John, and to Peter (12:1-4)?
2. What did the church do while Peter was in prison (12:5, 12)?
3. What did an angel of the Lord do for Peter (12:6-10)?
4. What did Peter realize (12:11)?
5. Where did Peter go when he was released from prison and how did the brethren react (12:12-16)?
6. What did Peter tell the brethren (12:17)?
7. What happened to the soldiers who guarded Peter (12:18-19)?
8. How did Herod die and why (12:20-23)?
9. How did Luke describe the word of God (12:24)?
10. What did Barnabas and Saul complete (12:25)?

Digging Deeper

1. Who are the following persons: Herod (12:1), James the brother of John (12:2), John Mark (12:12), and James (12:17)?
2. What were the “days of unleavened bread” and the Passover (12:3-4)?
3. Who else in the book of Acts besides Rhoda was charged with being “mad” (12:15)?
4. Where are Tyre and Sidon located (12:20)?
5. What particular “ministration” of Barnabas and Saul is referenced in Acts 12:25?

Applications for Today

1. Unbelievers are pleased when Christians are persecuted (12:3; Rev. 11:10).
2. Let us pray “earnestly” for our brethren who are in difficult circumstances (12:5, 12; Heb. 13:3).
3. Let us pray that the Lord will deliver us out of the hand of our enemies (12:11; Psa. 68:20; 2 Tim. 3:11; 4:17-18).
4. Always confidently tell the truth even if people think you are “mad” or crazy (12:15; Mk. 16:11, 14; Lk. 24:11).
5. Never be filled with pride and the praise of men, but always give glory to God (12:23; Josh. 7:19; Jer. 13:16; Lk. 17:18; Rev. 16:9).
6. The word of God will always grow and multiply and never be bound (12:24; 2 Tim. 2:9).
7. Ministering to needy saints shows our sacrifice and service toward our brethren (12:25; Rom. 15:31; 2 Cor. 9:12-13).