



Synopsis

A snapshot of the chapter

The first twelve chapters of Acts are primarily focused upon the church in Jerusalem and surrounding areas. It is important to understand the nature of the church and the faith of its members. It is also important to see that they were intense about following the teaching of Christ as taught by the apostles. The remainder of the book will tell of the spread of the gospel via Paul's evangelistic travels. This chapter provides information about three important events in Jerusalem: the martyrdom of James (1-5); the arrest and miraculous release of the apostle Peter (6-19); and the prideful arrogance of Herod Agrippa I and his subsequent death (20-23). The chapter ends with the return of Barnabas and Saul to Antioch.

Observation—What do you see?

Important Person(s):

Main Event(s):

Study Questions:

1. *Why was Herod so hostile to the Christians?*
2. *Why would Herod place Peter under "four squads of soldiers to keep him?"*
3. *How was Peter released from prison and what did he do immediately following release?*
4. *How did the church react to Peter's release?*
5. *Why did the Lord strike Herod with "worms" so that he died?*

Questions:

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- 3.