

Acts – Birth of the Church

Now You See Me, Now You Don't

Acts 12

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Introduction:

- All people were Created by God ... All people belong to God ... All people are loved by God ... **AND** ... **Since all people** have sinned, **all** people need Jesus ... **Therefore**, all people are welcome to respond to the Terms of Pardon.
- **Acts 10:11-15**
- **Acts 10:47-48**
- **Acts 11** – Three significant things:
 - Peter is questioned about Gentiles – **Acts 11:18**
 - The Believers were called Christians – **Acts 11:25-26 ... Acts 4:8-12**
 - Greek – **Christianos** ... English – Christian ... *“One who identifies as a believer in ... and follower of Jesus Christ ... One belonging to Jesus.”*
 - Paul and Barnabas deliver the gift from the Church in Antioch to the Church in Jerusalem.

1. James and Peter:

- a. **Acts 12:1-5**
- b. **Matthew 16:13-20**
- c. James and John – “Sons of Thunder”
- d. **Luke 9:51-56**
- e. **Mark 10:35-37**
- f. Facts about Herod Agrippa I:
 - i. Grandson of Herod the Baby Killer
 - ii. Nephew of Herod Antipas – Who killed John the Baptizer
 - iii. Born – 10 B.C. – Raised and Educated in Rome.
 - iv. Friends with Future Emperor Caligula
 - v. Appointed King of Judea by Caligula in 41 A.D.
 - vi. Reign from 41-44 A.D.
- g. **Acts 12:1-2**
- h. **Acts 12:3-5**
- i. **Matthew 24:9-10**
- j. **Acts 12:5**
- k. Greek – **Ektenos** ... English – Earnestly ... *“Intensively ... Painstakingly ... Unremittingly ... Relentlessly.”*
- l. Augustine once said ... *“Pray as if everything depends on God, work as though everything depends on you.”*

2. The Angel:

- a. **Acts 12:6-10**
- b. **Isaiah 55:8-9**
- c. **Ecclesiasts 3:1-2**
- d. **1st Corinthians 2:9**
- e. **Hebrews 13:5**
- f. **Acts 12:7**
- g. God does for us, what we cannot do for ourselves.
- h. **Acts 12:11**
- i. **Acts 12:15**
- j. **Hebrews 13:2**
- k. **Acts 12:17**
- l. **Acts 12:19**

3. Herod's Death:

- a. **Acts 12:21-23**
- b. **Acts 12:22**
- c. **Ezekiel 28:6-8**
- d. **Acts 12:23**
- e. **Acts 12:24**
- f. **John 16:33**
- g. **Let** us pray for one another ... **Let** us pray in unity ... **Let** us pray for the winning of souls to the Gospel message ... **Let** us remember that God hears our prayers.
- h. Augustine ... *“Pray as if everything depends on God, work as though everything depends on you.”*