

The Foundation of the Church: "Built on King Jesus"

Acts 12

September 7, 2025

- I. Herod is the King of Death – Jesus is the King of Life (1-2)

- II. Herod is the King of Captivity – Jesus is the King of Liberty (3-19)

- III. Herod is the King of Conflict – Jesus is the King of Justice (20-25)

LET'S GO DEEPER:

1. In Acts 12, God delivers Peter, but allows James to die. Discuss why these are challenging outcomes to have side by side. What hope does God offer to those who live and those who die?
2. God could have transported Peter directly out of prison into the presence of his friends. Instead, he delivers Peter slowly and by stages (12:6-11). What effect does this "late" and "slow" salvation have on Peter and on us?
3. How does the text present the church's prayer life? What do we learn about prayer from these events?
4. How does God use angels in this chapter? How does this story teach us to think about the role of angels in our lives?
5. What does Herod's outcome teach us about God's justice? (12:20-25)