



Acts

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Acts 12:1-3, NET

“About that time King Herod laid hands on some from the church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, executed with a sword. When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter too. (This took place during the feast of Unleavened Bread.)”

Acts 12:5, NET

*“So Peter was kept in prison, but those in the church were **earnestly praying to God for him.**”*

Acts 12:12-13, NET

“When Peter realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many people had gathered together and were praying. When he knocked at the door of the outer gate, a slave girl named Rhoda answered.”

Acts 12:23-24, NET

*“Immediately an angel of the Lord struck Herod down because he did not give the glory to God, and he was eaten by worms and died. But **the word of God kept on increasing and multiplying.**”*

Acts 16:22-34

“The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

*About midnight Paul and Silas were **praying and singing** hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.*

Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped.”

Acts 16:22-34, cont'd

*“But Paul shouted, **“Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!”***

*The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, **what must I do to be saved?**”*

*They replied, **“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”***

Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.”

Acts 23:6-7, NET

*“Then when Paul noticed that part of them were Sadducees and the others Pharisees, he shouted out in the council, “Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. I am on trial concerning the hope of the resurrection of the dead!” When he said this, an argument began between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and **the assembly was divided**. (For the Sadducees say there is no resurrection, or angel, or spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.)”*

Acts 23:9, NET

*“There was a great commotion, and some experts in the law from the party of **the Pharisees stood up** and protested strongly, “We find nothing wrong with this man. What if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?””*

Acts 23:11, NET

*“The following night **the Lord stood near Paul** and said, **“Have courage**, for just as you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome.””*

Acts 17:16-17

*“While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was **full of idols**. So he **reasoned** in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.”*

Acts 17:22-28

*“Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: **to an unknown god.** So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.*”

*“The God who made the world and everything in it is the **Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands.** And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. **‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’** As some of your own poets have said, ‘ We are his offspring.’”*