

## Session Six: Acts Chapters 12, 13

### Chapter 12 – Peter’s Arrest and the Death of Herod

- Three Herod’s
  - Herod Agrippa I            Killed James
  - Herod Antipas            Killed John the Baptist
  - Herod the Great            Slaughter of the Innocents – Visit of the Magi

VS 1-2 Herod kills James (brother of Jesus and head of the church in Jerusalem)

VS 3-4 Herod imprisons Peter – guarded with four squads (16 men)

Intended to be released after the Passover.

Date of Passover – 14<sup>th</sup> of Nissan – ordained by Moses in book of Exodus 12, Leviticus 23:5

Dated Changed – Council of Nicaea – first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.

Why? Quartodeciman’s (fourteenism) – This group of Christians wanted to retain the Jewish date for Easter (Passover 14<sup>th</sup> of Nissan) however, the church councils rejected that view and determined to never have Christian “easter” on the same day as Jewish Passover. The Quartodeciman’s were eventually “excommunicated.”

VS 5 – 19 Peter’s miraculous deliverance from prison.

- Prayer
- Angles
- Vision/Dream
- Rhoda
- Utter shock to see Peter at the door.
- Peter goes to another place (last we hear of Peter until Acts 15)

VS 20-24 Herod’s Death

- Accepting the praises of men declaring him as God.
- Angel of the Lord strikes him dead.
- Eaten by worms.

VS 24-25 Church grows, Paul, Barnabas and Mark emerge.

### Parallels

#### Chapters 1-12

- Jerusalem the Center
- Peter primary figure
- Samaria expansion
- Jew reject gospel in Jerusalem
- Peter imprisoned
- Judgment on Herod

#### Chapters 13-28

- Antioch the Center
- Paul primary figure
- European Expansion
- Jews reject gospel in the dispersia
- Paul imprisoned.
- Judgment on the Jews

## Parallels Between Peter and Paul

### Peter

- First Sermon (Ch 2)
- Lame man healed (ch 3)
- Simon the Sorcerer (Ch 8)
- Shadow heals (ch 5)
- Laying on of hands for HS (ch 8)
- Peter worshiped (ch 10)
- Tabitha raised (ch 9)
- Peter imprisoned (ch 12)

### Paul

- First Sermon (ch 13)
- Lame man healed (ch 14)
- Ellymas the Sorcerer (ch 13)
- Handkerchief heals (ch 19)
- Laying on of hands for HS (ch 19)
- Paul worshiped (ch 14)
- Eutychus raised (ch 20)
- Paul imprisoned (ch 28)

## Chapter 13 – First Missionary Journey