
SERMON OUTLINE

James, Peter and God's Sovereignty

Acts 12

- I. James is put to death by Herod (Acts 12:1-2)
 - A. Herod arrests believers (1)
 - Spiritual Battle: Persecution should be expected when the gospel is at stake.
 - B. Herod put James to death (2)
 - Sovereignty: God sovereignly decides who is rescued from persecution and who is not.
- II. Peter is rescued by an angel (Acts 12:3-17)
 - A. Herod arrests Peter intending to kill him, but the church prayed for him (3-5).
 - B. God's angel rescues Peter from jail (6-10).
 - C. The praying believers don't believe the report that Peter is free until they see him (11-17).
 - Answered Prayer: We who believe God can do anything often don't expect that He will do anything.
- III. King Herod is judged by God (Acts 12:18-23)
 - A. Herod's murderous rage (18-19)
 - B. The pride of Herod (20-22)
 - C. The suffering and death of Herod (23).
 - Judgment: God judges his enemies – sometimes sooner, but always later.

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