

Acts 12

LW – Easter Outreach Service/Story of God’s Love/Jesus/Propitiation

2W – Acts 11 Peter’s Witness V17-18; Barnabas/Saul/Antioch/Christian

V1-4

1. Herod = Agrippa 1st, Grandson of Herod the Great (Jesus’ Birth)

* Explanation of Herod’s – 1) Get “A grip of” 2) Historical Accuracy!

2. James –

Mark 1:19-20 He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets. ²⁰And immediately He **called them**, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat

Mark 5:37 (Healing Jarius’ daughter) ³⁷And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

Mark 9:2 Jesus took Peter, James, and John, led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was **transfigured before them**.

Mark 14:33 (Gethsemane) ³³And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He **began to be troubled and deeply distressed**.

* **Mark 10:35-39** – Sit/Right/Left, Drink Cup? ³⁹They said to Him, “We are able.” So Jesus said to them, “**You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized:**”

3. Peter Arrested/Imprisoned/Intending to Kill Him!

V5-12

1. Constant/Earnest Prayer by the church

Luke 18:1-8 - Jesus taught “men always ought to pray/not lose heart”

1 Thes 5:16-18 Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing,

Luke 22:44 ⁴⁴And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly.

James 5:16 The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

2. Peter thinking?!?!? James/Dead, I’m in Prison, Where is God?!?!?

* But God – Heard Prayers, Answered Prayers!!!

V13-15

1. Didn’t believe in their own prayers!!!

Mark 9:22-24 (Father of Demon Possessed Boy) ²²And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³Jesus

said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

2. Power of/Fruit of Church Prayer/Corporate

* Can this really happen? Heard stories, read books (Heavenly Man)

* Never seen Released/Prison? Victor, Eubanks, Htoo Gay, ME!

3. It is his angel.

* Ghost? Matthew 14:26 ...the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear.

* Guardian Angel - Matthew 18:10 “Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. (Heb 1:14)

V16-19 – Caesarea Maritime Pictures

V20-25

1. Tyre & Sidon – Map – Dependent on Grain from Galilee

2. Herod – Had everything in World!!!

* He had Money, Power, Position, Palace & People Worshiping Him!

Proverbs 27:24 ²⁴For riches are not forever, Nor does a crown endure to all generations.

Proverbs 10:2 ²Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, But righteousness delivers from death.

Proverbs 8:18 ¹⁸Riches and honor are with me, Enduring riches and righteousness.

Proverbs 11:4 ⁴Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness delivers from death.

Proverbs 13:7 ⁷There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing; And one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches.

Matthew 16:24-26 ²⁴Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

3. Saul/Barnabas Return (11:30) & John Mark