

Acts 12 Study Guide

Verse 1

1) Refresh your knowledge of this ruler Herod. Define “vex” – what kind of actions did Herod take against the believers?

Verse 2

2) What do we know about James? Why did Herod kill him?

Verses 3-4

3) What prompted Herod to arrest Peter?

4) Why didn't Herod kill Peter? Take a careful look at “days of unleavened bread” and “Easter” to understand what is referred to in this passage.

Verses 5-6

5) Describe the conditions of Peter's imprisonment and compare it to previous arrests that we have studied in Acts.

6) Explain “prayer was made without ceasing” and find other Scriptures that reference this.

Verses 7-11

7) Summarize the events in this passage, with emphasis on God's handiwork and Peter's experience.

Verses 12-17

8) Why do you think the people who'd been praying for Peter were astonished to see him at the door?

9) What qualities of Godly communication do you see in V. 17?

Verses 18-23

10) What happened here with King Herod? Have we seen this happen before?

11) What purposes are served by Luke's inclusion of these details in his account?

Verses 24-25

12) Refresh your understanding of “ministry” in this passage.

13) What causes the Word of God to grow and multiply?

14) Where were Paul and Silas returning from? What can we learn about the man called John Mark?