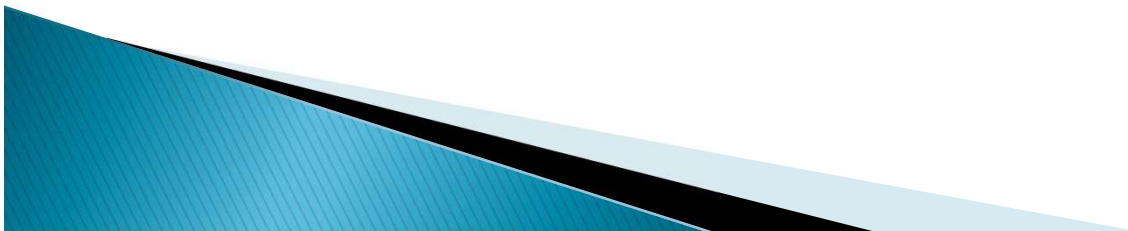


Chapter 12

- ▶ 12:1–19
 - Herod's persecution of apostles
- ▶ 12:20–25
 - Herod's death




The Herodian Family

- ▶ Herod the Great
 - Matthew 2:1; 19
 - 62 BC to 4 BC
 - 9 wives
- ▶ Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great
 - Matthew 14
 - Galilee and Perea
- ▶ Herod Agrippa I, grandson of Herod the Great
 - Acts 12
 - All of Palestine
- ▶ Herod Philip, son of Herod the Great
 - Matthew 14



John Mark

- ▶ Acts 12:12
 - Mary his mother
 - ▶ Acts 12:25
 - Went from Jerusalem to Antioch with Saul & Barnabas
 - ▶ Acts 13:5
 - Assistant to Saul & Barnabas on first preaching trip
 - ▶ Acts 13:13
 - During the trip, departed to go back to Jerusalem
 - ▶ Acts 15:37–41
 - Went with Barnabas to Cyprus
 - ▶ 2 Timothy 4:11
 - Paul asks Timothy to bring Mark with him, for he is useful to Paul for ministry
 - ▶ Colossians 4:10
 - Cousin of Barnabas (NKJV)
 - ▶ Philemon 24
 - A fellow-laborer with Paul (Philemon written from prison in Rome)
 - ▶ 1 Peter 5:13
 - “my son”
 - ▶ The Gospel according to Mark
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Take homes

- ✓ True or False: All who live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.
- ✓ 2 Timothy 3:12
- ✓ Does it help to know this?
 - ✓ Don't get tripped up by it
 - ✓ Don't be discouraged by it
 - ✓ 1 Peter 4:14–16
- ✓ Benefits of persecution?
 - ✓ Draw closer to God
 - ✓ Refine character
 - ✓ Strengthen faith



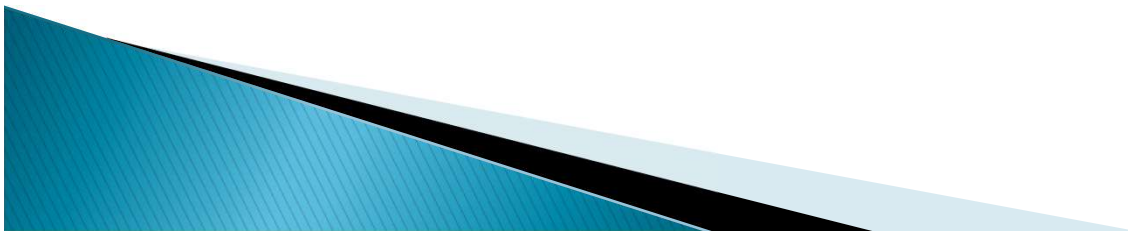
Take homes

- ✓ What should the church do when one of their number is being persecuted?
 - ✓ Shrink back, hide?
 - ✓ Be quiet?
 - ✓ Be violent and fight back?
 - ✓ Revenge?
- ✓ Pray!
 - ✓ Why?
 - ✓ James 5:16
 - ✓ Philippians 4:6–7
- ✓ What should the church do when one of their number is in danger, sick, etc?
 - ✓ Pray!



Take homes

- ✓ God does not always answer prayer the way we expect.
 - ✓ Did Peter expect miraculous deliverance from jail?
 - ✓ Did Rhoda expect it?
 - ✓ Did the saints expect it?
- ✓ We can pray for a specific answer, but the answer may not be what we expect
 - ✓ Can we accept it?



Take homes

- ✓ Peter was not told to go right back into the frying pan.
 - ✓ And he didn't.
 - ✓ In Acts 5:20, he was told to go back into the temple and preach.
- ✓ Look for trouble? No.
- ✓ Shrink from controversy? No.
- ✓ Stand for what is right? Yes.



Take homes

- ✓ Herod's character:
 - ✓ Dishonest – Acts 12:18–19
 - ✓ Proud – Acts 12:23
- ✓ God will take care of the dishonest and proud in His way in His time



Closing the First Half of the book of Acts

- ▶ Great Commission being fulfilled – Matthew 28:18–20
 - ▶ “Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...”
 - ▶ “Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you”
- ▶ Remember these outlines from the introduction to Acts:
 - ▶ Outline A
 - ▶ Peter – chapters 1–12
 - ▶ Paul – chapters 13–28
 - ▶ Outline B
 - ▶ Church established – chapters 1–7
 - ▶ Church scattered – chapters 8–12
 - ▶ Church extended – chapters 13–28
 - ▶ Outline C
 - ▶ The gospel in Jerusalem, all Judea, and Samaria – chapters 1–12
 - ▶ The gospel into all the world – chapters 13–28

