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Book of Acts Chapter 12

44_ACT_12_01 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth [his] hands to vex certain of the church.

44_ACT_12_02 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

44_ACT_12_03 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. [Then were the days of unleavened bread.]

44_ACT_12_04 And when he had apprehended him, he put [him] in prison, and delivered [him] to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

44_ACT_12_05 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

44_ACT_12_06 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

44_ACT_12_07 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon [him], and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from [his] hands.

44_ACT_12_08 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

44_ACT_12_09 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

44_ACT_12_10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

44_ACT_12_11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and [from] all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

44_ACT_12_12 And when he had considered [the thing], he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

44_ACT_12_13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.

44_ACT_12_14 And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.

44_ACT_12_15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel.

44_ACT_12_16 But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened [the door], and saw him, they were astonished.

44_ACT_12_17 But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go show these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

44_ACT_12_18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter.

44_ACT_12_19 And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that [they] should be put to death. And he went down from Judaea to Caesarea, and [there] abode.

44_ACT_12_20 And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's [country].

44_ACT_12_21 And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.

44_ACT_12_22 And the people gave a shout, [saying, It is] the voice of a god, and not of a man.

44_ACT_12_23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

44_ACT_12_24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

44_ACT_12_25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled [their] ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.