

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

TEACHINGS FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

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PART 4: LEARNING HOW TO PRAY

SATAN STRIKES HARD

- For some reason, the Church in Jerusalem became complacent, thinking that the persecution was over and the Devil struck them hard and fast. **Acts 12:1-2**
- When King Herod recognized that the Jewish leadership was pleased with his action, he decided to go for a second apostle. **verses 3-4**

THE CHURCH REACTS

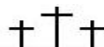
- The Church by now had woken up from its slumber and they began to pray like they had never prayed before. **verse 4, 4:23-31**
- Their prayer *without ceasing* moved the hand of God and an angel was dispatched to get Peter out of jail. **verses 6-7**
- This was a joint mission; Peter had to cooperate with the angel of God. **verses 8-10**
- It was not until Peter was actually outside the jail that he truly understood that it was an angel who had supernaturally set him free. **verses 11-12**

THE SUPERNATURAL

It is hard for Christians to live and operate in the supernaturally realm. The moment a Christian encounters difficulties, the soul wants to go back to Egypt, and take care of things in the flesh. **Exodus 2:10-15; Ephesians 6:10-18; 2 Corinthians 10:3-6**

OPERATING IN THE SUPERNATURAL

- The church in Jerusalem had been praying harder than ever but for some reason they did not expect God to answer them. This is the biggest problem facing Christians today, we pray and fast, but don't actually believe that God will answer our prayers. **Acts 12:13-16**
- Peter knew he could not stay with the church for time being. **verse 17; Matthew 10:16**
- The divine rescue mission stirred up King Herod, he refused to accept the supernaturally move of God, and he executed the soldiers to get rid of all witnesses. **Acts 12:18-19**
- Herod defied God and refused to acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus. God had enough of this corrupt politician and sent an angel to kill him. **verses 20-23**



- ❑ The church was nourished in its faith and the Gospel continued to be preached. **verses 24-25**

WHICH ROAD WILL YOU TAKE?

- ❑ At the time King Herod lived on the earth, he thought of himself as an important person; and as a result, people paid homage to him in order to gain favor and power for themselves. God looks at Herod as just a footnote in history; he was born with the chance to accept Jesus as his Lord and Saviour but he rejected Jesus and was killed by God. He has now been roasting in hell for some 1,950 years where he is awaiting sentencing at the White Great Throne Judgment and then the Lake of Fire for an eternity of torment.

Psalm 37:11-40

- ❑ Are you going to be a footnote in history? What will you make of yourself?
Matthew 6:19-34