



Introduction

After the apostle James is killed, the apostle Peter is arrested (v 3).

Peter then miraculously escapes.



Questions

1. What did Herod do in an attempt to oppress the early believers?
2. Whose house did Peter go to when he was released from prison, and what were they doing?
3. What happened to the prison guards who had lost their prisoner?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 6** King Herod kills James, the brother of John, and to please the Jews, he also has Peter imprisoned with the intention of making him a public spectacle. His fellow believers pray for his release (see theme)
- **v 7 to 17** An angel rescues Peter from prison. He goes to the house of Mary where they are praying. They find it difficult to believe their prayers for his release have been answered
- **v 18 and 19** Herod condemns the prison guards to death for losing their prisoner
- **v 20 to 23** Herod, who is basking in the flattery of the people calling him a god, is struck down by an angel and dies
- **v 24 and 25** Barnabas and Saul return from Jerusalem taking John Mark with them

Timeline AD 60 (see below)



Theme

God listens to prayer

A selection of verses about God listening to prayer.

Several Psalms tell us that God will hear our prayers:

Psalm 65 verse 2, 86 verse 7

Through the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah, God says he hears prayer:

Isaiah 65 verse 24

Jeremiah 29 verses 12 and 13

Jesus tells us that requests are only responded to if his "words remain in" us:

John 15 verse 7

God hears the prayer of Cornelius:

Acts 10 verse 31

The apostle John tells us that God responds to requests that are according to his will:

John 5 verse 14



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 2 and 3, Q 2: v 12, Q 3: v 19

Bible timeline

