**THE CHURCH PRAYS FOR PETER**

Acts 12:1-25 (5)

*So Peter was kept in prison,*

*but the church was earnestly praying to God for him*

1. What time was it? (1) Who was James? (2a; Mk 1:19[[1]](#footnote-2); 9:2[[2]](#footnote-3); Acts 15:13[[3]](#footnote-4) ) What did King Herod do to him? (2b) Why did King Herod seize Peter also? (3) What did Herod intend to do with Peter? (4)  What effect do you think all this had on the Jerusalem church? What did the church do? (5, 12)
2. What was Peter’s situation in prison the night before his trial? (6) Suddenly, what happened? (7) What did the angel say to Peter and how did he lead Peter out of prison? (8-10) When and how did Peter realize what was happening? (11)
3. Where did Peter go? (12) What were the believers there doing? What happened when Peter arrived? (13-14) Why do you think the believers did not believe the servant girl? Describe their reaction when they saw Peter? (16-17) What can we learn from this event about the church earnestly praying to God for Peter?
4. In the morning, what happened among the soldiers and how did Herod react? (18-19a) Where did Herod go? (19b-20) What happened to him? (21-23) Why? But what happened to the word of God (24) The Christian church (25) What can we learn from this?

1. When he had gone a little farther, [Jesus] saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. 9:2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them. When they finished, **James** spoke up. “Brothers,” he said, “listen to me. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)