

# PERSECUTION, PRAYER, AND POWER

## ACTS 12:1-16

Text:

Introduction:

### **1. THE PERSECUTION OF THE CHURCH (VS. 1-4)**

#### **Acts 12:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth *his* hands to vex certain of the church. <sup>2</sup>And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. <sup>3</sup>And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) <sup>4</sup>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.

- A. He Stretched His Hand Against the Church
- B. He Killed James with the Sword
- C. He Imprisoned Peter

## **2. THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (vs. 5)**

- A. Fervent Prayer
- B. Corporate Prayer

## **3. THE POWER OF THE CHURCH (vs. 6-16)**

- A. Peter is Delivered
- B. Peter Arrives at the Prayer Meeting
- C. Peter is Met By Doubters