

PERSECUTION, PRAYER, AND POWER

ACTS 12:1-16

Text:

Introduction:

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

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