

163. Peter Escapes from Prison (Acts 12:1-19)

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for always watching us and protecting us. Help us trust in Your strength. Make us pray often for You to protect all of Your church. Make us trust Your promise that You will always take care of Your church. We pray in the name of Jesus our Savior, Amen.

Acts 12:1-5.

- What did King Herod do to James?
- Why did Herod arrest Peter?
- What did the church do for Peter?
- Are there Christians in prison and in trouble that we can pray for?

Acts 12:6-11.

- When did the angel come to help Peter? How long did God wait to send the angel?
- Why do you think God waited to save Peter? (Maybe think of Abraham ready to sacrifice Isaac.)
- Did Peter think God was really saving him?

Acts 12:12-16.

- While Peter was in prison, the church was busy praying. Did God answer their prayers?

- Did anyone believe God actually answered their prayers?
- When we pray, which way does God want us to pray?
 - We should “hope” He will answer us?
 - We should “demand” He answer us?
 - We should trust He will answer us?

Acts 12:17-19.

- The Bible says we should share good news of God’s work with each other. How did Peter share good news with the church that night?