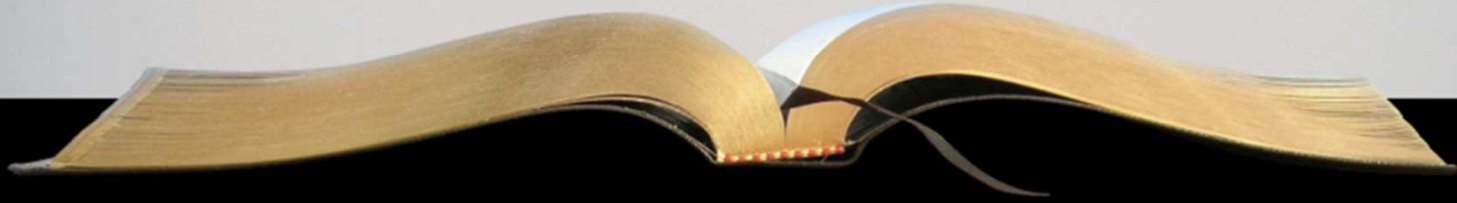


[Acts]

Lesson 8

**The Church in Antioch.
King Herod Kills James;
But Peter Saved**

(Acts 11-12)



1. Peter Tells the Church in Jerusalem About His Vision and the Salvation of the Gentiles (Cornelius).



(Acts 11:1-3) The Jewish Christians in Jerusalem did not understand why Peter met with the Gentiles (**not Jews**).



(Acts 11:4-18) After Peter told them about his vision and the Holy Spirit proving the salvation of the Gentiles, the church in Jerusalem was very happy.

2. Persecuted Christians Preached the Gospel in Many Cities.



(Acts 11:19) After Stephen was killed, most Christians escaped Jerusalem but continued preaching the Gospel, but ONLY to other Jews.



(Acts 11:20) Some of these preaching men were from Cyprus and Cyrene (knew Greek language). When they arrived in Antioch, they preached to the Grecians (Greek language people).



The Spread of the Gospel



(Acts 11:21)

Many Gentiles believed the Gospel.

*Antioch had the first large group of Gentiles to believe in Jesus.



3. Barnabas and Saul, Went to the Church in Antioch.



(Acts 11:22-24) The church in Jerusalem sent Barnabas to Antioch.

*Barnabas was born in Cyprus and knew Greek well.

*Barnabas helped the new Gentile church learn the apostle's doctrine.

[Acts 9:26-27 -also see 4:36]



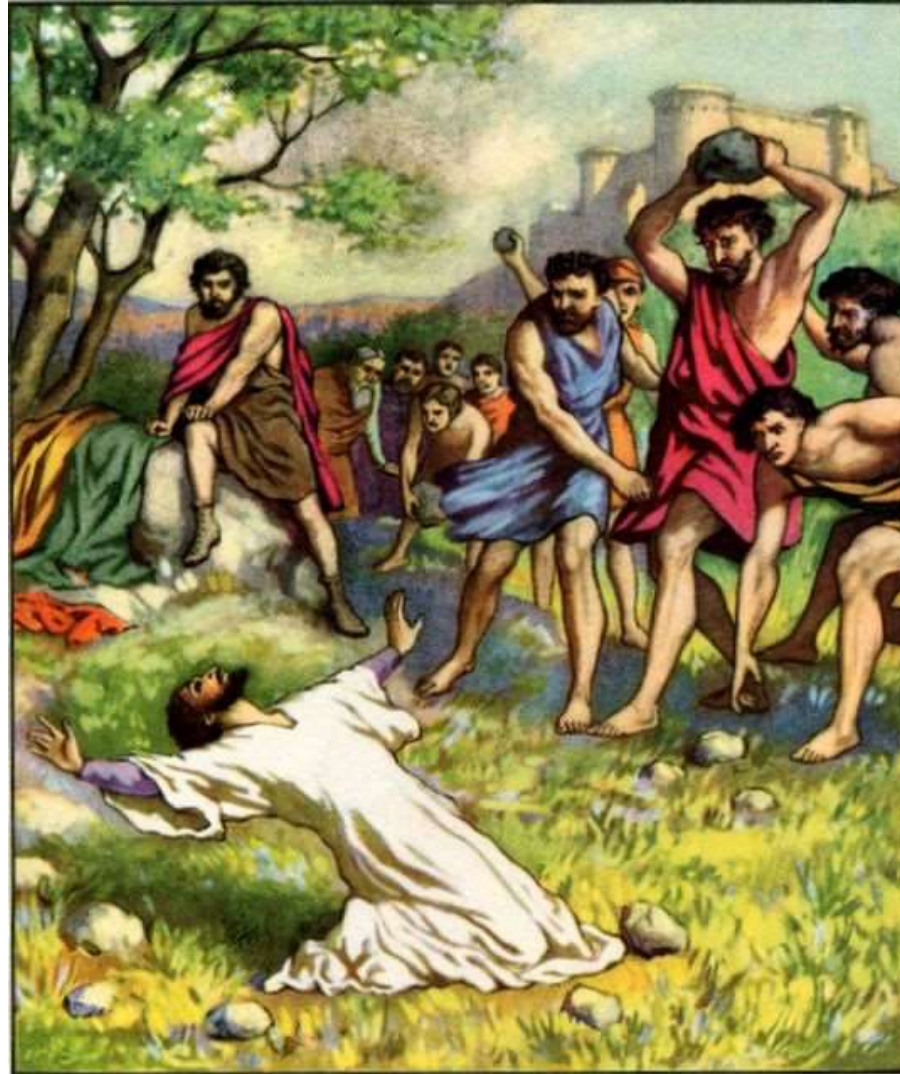
(Acts 11:25-26)

* Barnabas brought Saul to Antioch to help teach the new church for one year.

* The disciples of Jesus were given the name **“Christians”** for the first time in Antioch.



4. Persecution Against Believers Continued.



(Acts 12:1-2) King Herod killed James the brother of John.



- “Herod” = Grandson of “Herod the Great,” who tried to kill baby Jesus
- James was the first Apostle to die
- (Mark 10:39) Jesus told future James would be killed.

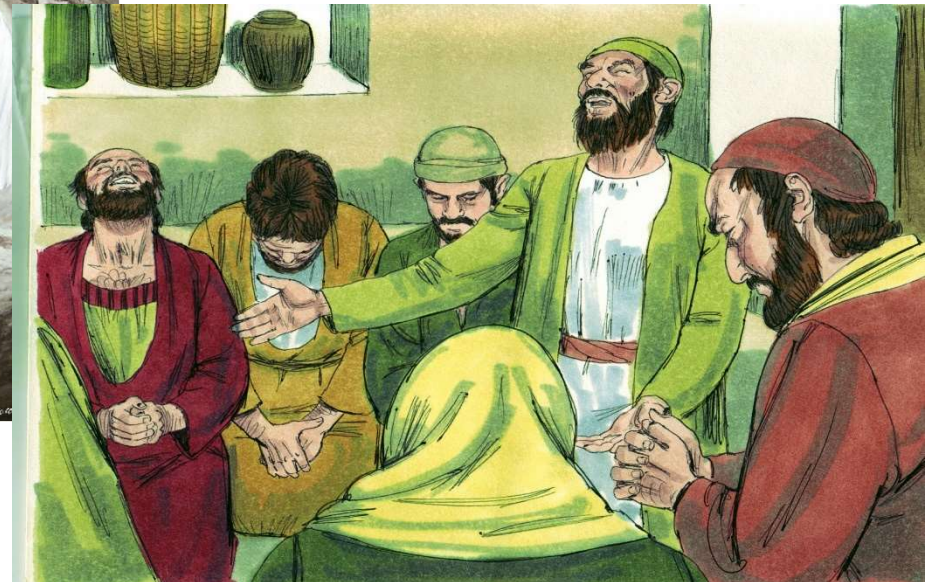
(Acts 12:3) Because the Jewish leaders were happy that Herod killed James, Herod decided also to kill Peter.



(Acts 12:4) Herod put Peter in prison.
There were 16 soldiers guarding Peter
in the prison.



(Acts 12:5) James and Peter were both very important leaders. The church prayed for Peter without ceasing (**stop**).



(Acts 12:6) There was no way for Peter to escape from the 16 soldiers keeping him. Peter slept between two soldiers.
*In the morning Herod would kill Peter.



God can do all things:

-Israel out of Egypt, through the Red Sea,
Water out of the rock, manna from the sky
for 40 years...

(Acts 12:7-11) God sent an angel to save Peter from the jail. Peter's chains fell off and the angel opened the doors and gates. All the soldiers stayed sleeping.



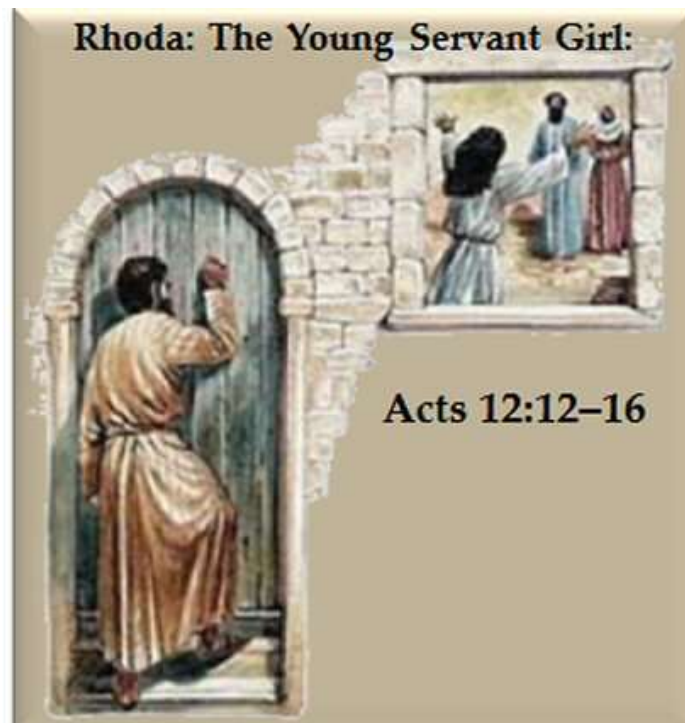
-James and Stephen's work on earth was **finished**, so God took them home to Heaven (allowed them to be killed).



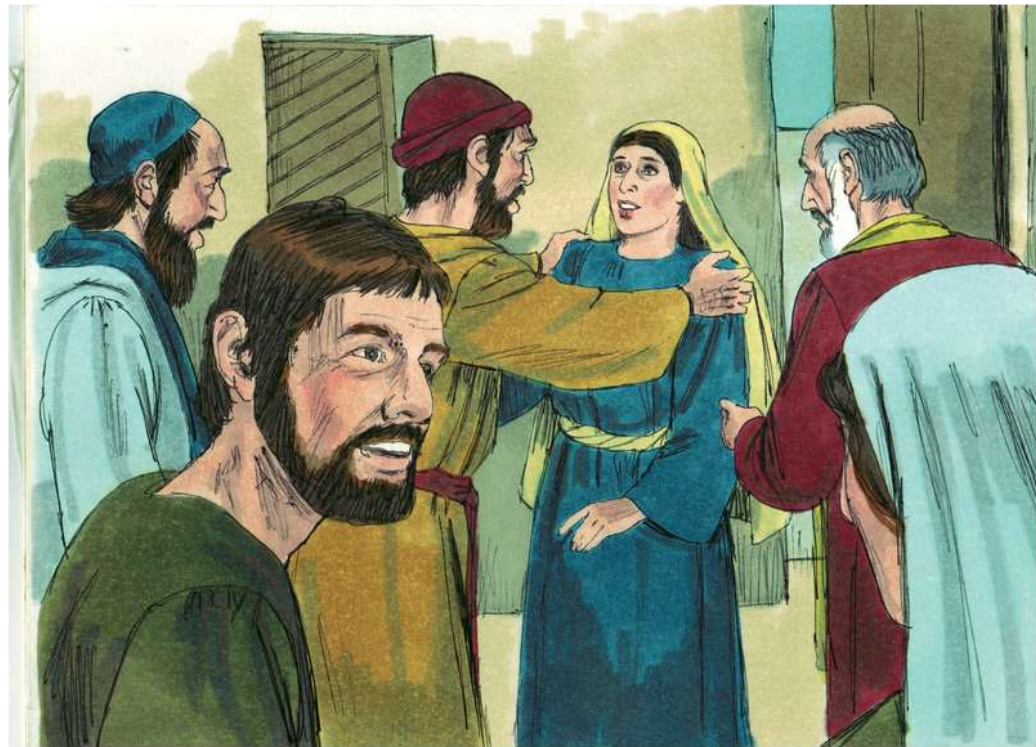
-Peter's work on earth was **NOT finished**, so God saved him from prison to continue working.

(Acts 12:12-16) Peter went to the church prayer meeting. They were all surprised to see Peter free.

*Peter told them that God sent an angel.



(Acts 12:17) Peter told the church to tell James (**half-brother of Jesus**) and other church leaders about what happened then Peter went to a different place.



- James (**half-brother of Jesus**) became main Pastor for church in Jerusalem (Acts 15:13, 21:18; Gal. 1:19).
- The Holy Spirit guided James to write one book of N.T (James 1:1).
- Mary and Joseph had several children: James and Jude were two of their sons. (Mark 6:3)
- The Holy Spirit also guided Jude to write one book of the N.T. (Jude 1:1)