

# One Dies and One Escapes

## Acts 12:1-26

### Into the Lesson:

Rate the prayers and the results of the church as found so far in the book of Acts.

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Business as usual. . . . . Life changing event

Acts 1:14; 24-

Acts 2:42-

Acts 6:6-

Acts 7:59-60-

Acts 8:14-16; 22-

Acts 10:2; 9-

Acts 12:5-

How do these examples fit in with Lane's comment, "the church of Acts is growing....and making an impact...some people like it—some not so much."

### Into the Word:

From the sermon, what do you recall about this "Herod"? How is he like his predecessors?

How does his desire to curry favor with the Jews play a role in this story?

Respond to 2 Timothy 3:12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

After Peter's escape from jail who is most surprised and dismayed?

Peter:

Rhoda:

Believers:

The guards:

### Into Life:

Respond to Lane's comments regarding Persecution: "Following Jesus will lead to persecution." "The persecution will be different for different people..."

What does persecution look like for the 21<sup>st</sup> century church.

What are some indications that persecution will get worse in the future?

How does the church in the book of Acts provide us with the example to overcome persecution?

How important is prayer in this process?

What can you do to help others prepare for this persecution?

What will you do to prepare yourself?

"It might be persecuted-it might be driven underground-

**BUT THE CHURCH OF GOD WILL PREVAIL..."**