

JESUS AND HIS ACTS THROUGH YOU

The book of Acts study

Part 11

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"I can guarantee this truth, those who believe in me will do these things that I am doing. They will do greater things because I am going to the Father."

John 14:12 (GW)

Acts Chapter 12 highlights:

- The young church was under tremendous pressure. (the devil, Herod)
- The apostle James was put to death.
- Peter was arrested and put in prison.
- The church was earnestly praying to God for Peter.
- Peter has a supernatural encounter with an angel that frees him from his prison cell.
- Peter thinks it's a vision at first.
- When Peter comes to the house where many people are praying they don't believe it's him at the door at first.
- Peter quietly tells them what has happened and leaves for another place.
- Shortly afterwards Herod is struck down because he is being worshipped as God.
- The word of God continues to increase and spread!

Some Acts Chapter 13 highlights:

- While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
- After they had fasted and prayed they placed their hands on them and sent them off.
- They were sent on their way by the Holy Spirit and proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues in Cyprus.
- They encountered a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet called Bar Jesus who was an attendant to the proconsul in the city.
- The proconsul was an intelligent man and wanted to hear the word of the Lord, but the sorcerer opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith.
- Then Saul, called Paul filled with the Holy Spirit looks straight at the sorcerer and says, "You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time and not even able to see the light of the sun."
- When the proconsul saw what happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord!

Some things we are learning from Acts 12 & 13:

- The importance of earnest and fervent prayer
- The importance of being filled with the Holy Spirit and staying full of the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit sends us on a mission where He wants us to go
- We have God's authority and power over evil that is in this world
- God wants us to share and spread the message of the gospel!