

Herod Acts 12 (p.1,015)

A. Herod Kills James, son of Zebedee 12:1-2

Herod the Great was a ruthless fighter, subtle diplomat and peerless builder. For 34 years he ruled people who hated him. He had many sons and many more grandsons, including King Herod Agrippa I.

Jesus named James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Sons of Thunder. (Mark 3:17)

"The blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church."
-Tertullian

B. Herod Arrests Peter 12:3-19

1. Ernest prayer.

2. Angel.

3. Reunion. Notice their disbelief. We answer our doubts with faith.

C. Herod Meets God

12:19-23

Tyre and Sidon were the leading cities of Phoenicia (current Lebanon).

Advocate- Blastus. ESV- king's chamberlain, trusted personal assistant.

Herod accepted their praise as a god.

Compare Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:25).

Nonetheless, God was glorified.

Application:

Is God faithful, powerful and loving?
...to James?
...to Peter?
...to me?

Like Herod, each of us will meet God and give an accounting of our lives.

We can stand justified only by faith in Christ.