

# **Acts 12:1-25**

## **Dare Not to Compare! Take It on Faith We Never Have Enough Info to Legitimately 2<sup>nd</sup> Guess God**

### **Death of the Apostle James 12:1-2**

King Agrippa I (grandson of King Herod the Great) has the Apostle James executed to make political points with big shots in/around Jerusalem

### **Deliverance of the Apostle Peter 12:3-19**

In Agrippa's mind this was going to be "the same song/second verse" but God's purposes for Peter were different than His purposes for James...and much to the surprise of those praying for Peter's life...he was supernaturally released from his jail cell and interrupted their prayer meeting. BTW: Peter would ultimately be crucified upside down in Rome about 20 years after this.

### **Death of King Agrippa I 12:20-23**

Man proposes but God disposes! The man with "the power of life/death"...  
...has his life supernaturally shortened.

### **Da (=The) Postlude 12:24-25**

Despite deadly opposition "the Word of the Lord continued to grow..." and Barnabas/Saul returned (to Antioch/ABF 11:30) from Jerusalem (unharmful!) bringing John Mark along with them...which led to Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Journey

## **Take This To Heart**

Self-Pityingly Comparing Our Circumstances To Those of Other People is an Absolute Joy Killer and a Serious Sin (Doubting God by Presuming We Know Better Than He Does) and Yet Most Honest TBFers Will Admit We are Often Tempted to Do It! Many People in Scripture Fell Into This Trap (Moses, Job, Habakkuk) and One of Them (Asaph) Describes How He Worked His Way "Out the Other Side" of This Kind of Double/Presumption in Psalm 73.