



## Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, January 31, 2021

Acts 12:1-24 – Don't Be Like Herod

### We Learn:

Peter's physical rescue from prison is dramatic and miraculous. He is bound by chains, between 2 soldiers, with guards at each set of gates. And, yet, as if in a dream, an angel leads Peter out of the prison and into the street with absolutely no difficulty. But Acts 12:1-24 has more to teach us from the life of Herod than the life of Peter. And, in this case, the lessons are for what we should *not* do rather than what we should.

- Why was persecuting the Church a means for Herod to please the Jewish leaders? Why did he want to please them?
- Why does the Bible emphasize that we are to please God rather than people?
- What other examples can you think of where people either tried to please God or tried to please other people? What do we learn from those examples?
- Why do we typically blame others? How can we be accountable for our own actions and words?
- In what ways can we mislead someone else away from the ways of God?

### We Respond:

- What are the ways by which we can please God?
- How can we have a consistent walk with the Lord?
- How does walking in God's ways relate to leading others to him?

### We Apply:

- Do you find yourself blaming others for anything? How can you make a change?
- What does personal accountability look like for you?